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President's Message

I AM WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In this first issue of *Trees of Wilson* of 2015, our editor, Sue Powell, has included the first of a new series of tips for genealogical researchers. That's you and me...and who can't use some good tips?

Some of us began searching in order to qualify for membership in a society such as UDC, SCV, DAR, SAR, Mayflower Society, etc., while others may have just been curious about their ancestors; who they were, and where they came from. As I write this, I wonder what it was that sparked your interest in this fun, exciting, and rewarding hobby.

Often as the search began, little was known about how to start ... who were our ancestors, where to look to learn about them, what information would be relevant, and how to organize the data we found about them. Then we had to learn how to use the accepted forms and methods which would enable others to understand what we had discovered.

As time passed and we learned by doing, we were likely to have made mistakes. When I look back on my early research, it is obvious that I was a novice, with much to learn. Over the years, I have learned much from "more seasoned" researchers, from seminars and workshops, but there's always more to be learned!

I hope that you will find the tips in this issue and in future issues of *Trees* to be helpful!

Joan Lawrence Howell

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library Assembly Room, January 27th

Please join us for our meeting on January 27th at the library. Ask at the reception desk for directions.

Our program will be presented by Donald Hawley and other representatives of the Barnes-Pender Heritage Corp, Inc., established with the purpose of saving and restoring the remaining portion of Wilson Collegiate Institute/Wilson Confederate Hospital and to preserve it for the future. They will give us a power point presentation on their progress and their plans to establish a museum when restoration is complete. They intend to incorporate exhibits about the use of the building as the school and the military hospital. The building has already been added to the "Civil War Trails Program."

Please mark your calendars for the 2015 meetings:

February 24	September 29
March 31	October 27
April 28	November 24
May 26	

DUES FOR 2015 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.

Submit yours now while it is on your mind! If dues are not paid by the end of January, members may not receive any additional issues of Trees of Wilson until they are paid.

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GENEALOGY TIPS

FIVE QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF ABOUT ONLINE FAMILY TREES

Family Tree University

Online trees can help you find records, photos and cousins, but it's important to evaluate the reliability of their information. Ask yourself these five questions when you find an online tree that includes your family:

1. Does the tree include original documents and/or source citations? This is a good sign, but the person who posted the tree still could've made an error in interpreting records. So check the records cited to verify the names, dates, places and parent-child relationships.

2. What sources were used? Sources such as other online trees and compiled histories are more likely to contain regurgitated erroneous information than are records created at the time an event occurred, such as deeds, baptismal registers, wills and others.

3. Do the dates and places make sense? Are parents of reasonable marrying and childbearing age? Is a child born after the mother has died? Are children born in the place the mother lived at the time?

4. Are details consistent? While name spellings and ages in records vary somewhat, those details in records of an adult should be fairly consistent with records of the same person in childhood.

5. Is the tree too good to be true? If you find an unbroken line to the 1200s with neat, 25-year spaces in generations, be extra skeptical. Verify each generational link before adding the data to your tree.

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WILSON SCHOOL LIBRARY CIRCULATION RECORD OF SPRING TERM 1899

Contributed by Joan L. Howell

[Editor's notes: Continued from the May 2014 issue of Trees of Wilson. Using the *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900*, by Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe, an attempt has been made to place these students with their families. Some of the names do not appear in the census which may mean that they were boarders or that they were listed in the census with a different first name or they had moved away. In other cases, there were several children with the same name who would have been of the right age, but we did not have enough information to determine which child was the named student.

Additional information came from *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV,* Joan L. Howell; and *The Rise of a Southern Town*, Patrick M. Valentine]

Lamm, Thad—Thadeus A., nephew of William G. and Mary J. Batts, b. Dec. 1883
Lane, Julian—son of Benjamin F. and Clara A. Lane, b. July 1889
Lane, Paul—Paul P., son of Benjamin F. and Clara A. Lane, b. Jan. 1887
Leach, Edgar—if he was Edward, b. Oct. 1888, school boy, he was son of Claud and Sallie H. Leach
Leach, Willie—son of Claud and Sallie H. Leach, b. June 1883
Little, Julius—son of James H. and Jennie Little, b. Oct. 1887
Lovelace, May—if she was Mary A., b. Mar. 1889, at school, She was the daughter of John J. and Sallie R. Lovelace. All but the youngest child in the family were born in Va.
Lucas, Minnie—she may have been daughter of Sylous (Silas) and Charty Lucas, b. Mar. 1884
Lynn, Maggie

Manning, Bernice—daughter of William and Marry Manning, b. July 1886
Manning, Chas.—son of William and Marry Manning, b. May 1890
Matthis, Eva—she may have been Eva Matthews, b. July 1884, daughter of Henry Matthews
Mayo, Bertha—daughter of Edward B. and Margaret H. Mayo, b. Nov. 1886
Magett, Eva—daughter of Lucius and Pattie Magett, b. Apr. 1883)
Mercer, Mrs. W. F.
Milner, Jack—may have been Jack N., b. Nov.1883, boarder with William R. and Lucy W. Anderson. Jack, his parents, and William Anderson were born in Va.
Moore, Addie—daughter of John and Addie Moore, b. Apr. 1886
Moore, Carl—son of Charlie and Minnie Moore, b. Apr, 1885
Moore, Clyde—daughter of Charlie and Minnie Moore, b. Mar. 1887
Moore, Hadley—may have been Hadley J., son of John R. and Sallie A. Moore, b. Sep. 1882
Morris, Doane—son of Nathan R. and Margaret M. Morris, b. Mar. 1889
Morris, Fannie

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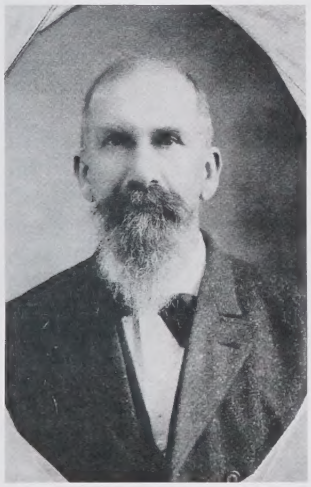
JACOB HENRY BARNES AND ANCEY ANN SKINNER FAMILY

Contributed by Albert R. Page, Sr.

Introduction

Once again I return to the valuable letter of Barnes family history written and sent to Wesley Barnes Doles, Sr., by John Julian Thorne in 1940 (*Trees of Wilson*, November 2000). My attention was called again to this subject by the obituary of Jacob Henry Barnes published in *Trees of Wilson*, March 2012. I have been interested in this Barnes family for some years now since I researched and wrote on the Doles & Barnes family published in *Trees* in March 2002. I interviewed in late 2001 current descendants of Jacob and Ancey Barnes who lived in Elm City and Wilson. I was able to get wonderful copies of photographs of both Jacob and Ancey from great granddaughter Nancy Wren Doles Mitchel which are included in this paper. These pictures predate 1893 when Jacob Henry



Barnes died.

Both Jacob H. Barnes and Ancey Ann Skinner came from successful land owing families from the area of the old Edgecombe County dating back to the American Revolution.[1] Julian Thorne in his letter recounted the Barnes pedigree back to Britton Barnes. Britton Barnes was the son of Joshua and Lucy Barnes of Virginia.[2] It is said that Britton and wife Penelope Barnes came to Edgecombe County from their home state of Virginia.[3] They had sons named Benjamin, Burrell, Mills or Miles, Britton and John.[4] Julian Thorne recalled that Burrell Barnes married Elizabeth "Betsie" Flowers the daughter of Hardy Flowers. Burrell and Betsie Barnes had sons Hardy Flowers, Jacob Henry, James W. and Willie Gray.[5] Jacob Henry Barnes, the subject of this paper, married Ancey Ann Skinner on the 4th of October 1841 in old Edgecombe County.[6] Ancey Ann Skinner was the daughter of the late Henry Skinner and his wife Elizabeth Little. Ancey's siblings were: Lydia, Sallie, William Hasleton, Jesse Little, Robert Augustus, Andrew Jackson, James Covington and Felicia Lavinia.[7]

Early Married Life of Jacob Henry and Ancey Ann Barnes

Jacob Barnes, likely in his early marriage of 1841 and 1842, continued to work some of his father's land along with his other brothers. Jacob's father wrote his will by January of 1843. After the death of Burrell Barnes in January of 1843, his sons inherited their father's lands.[8] It seems that Jacob Barnes' share was 125 acres.[9] Jacob Barnes, from this point in his life (27 yrs. old) until his death in 1893, was a land owner and a successful one at that. A search, by this writer, in the Wilson County deeds shows that Jacob and Ancey Barnes' names were on forty eight deeds in the process of buying, selling and other land arrangements. There is evidence that Jacob and Ancey Barnes had slaves before the 1850 census.

Five children were born in the 1840's to this family before the 1850 Edgecombe Census. John W. was born in 1842; Caroline came two years later in 1844; Christopher Columbus was birthed in 1848, and second daughter Sarah E. was born in early 1850. The 1850 Edgecombe County Census gives a good picture of this family of seven members. Jacob by then was listed as owning 250 acres of which 100 was cleared farm land.

His distant neighbor was John Gray Williams who was married to Jacob's sister Nancy Barnes.[10] The J. G. Williams' farm and graveyard are well known today as being located on Bridgerville Road (SR 1418) east of the junction of Cattail Road (SR 1424) by about .250 miles.[11]

The 1850 Census reported that Jacob had eleven slaves. Six were males and five were females. The evidence from the 1850 census suggests that both Jacob and Ancey inherited wealth (land & slaves) from their parents in order to have been at this high standard by 1850.[12]

Andrew Jackson Moore, who wrote Jacob Henry Barnes' obituary, characterized Jacob in the following way: "Brother Barnes was of the old style of citizens, honest, a farmer in the full sense of the word, fond of work himself and skillful in the management and control of labor, and after long years of continuous and close application, under the blessings of the Lord, though he as many others had losses by the War, and bad government that followed, he had gotten together a good estate."

Jacob's abilities and success helped him buy more land through the coming years. All records indicate that he was very capable in his work in farming, as an employer of farm laborers, and in managing his economics in a very efficient fashion for the benefit of his family.[13] Also the family grew by two more children in this decade. Burrell Henry was born in 1853, and Susanna W. Barnes was born in 1857.[14]

When the census was taken in the summer of 1860, mother Ancey Ann Skinner Barnes was pregnant for the last time. She birthed daughter Nancy in late 1860.[15] The family must have been

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very happy with their lives. The 1860 census reported the Jacob Barnes family with very favorable economics. They owned 450 acres of land and fifteen slaves. Their total assets were $4,500 in land and $14,888 in slaves.[16] For their day, they were in the upper class economically speaking.

On the other hand, because they were alert and capable, they likely were tuned into the politics of the time. For years and even decades, the growing concern in the United States was how to handle the issue of slavery in the Southern States and in the expanding territories as the United States spread westward. The feelings were very high on both sides. The year of 1860 was the turning point as both the North and the South tried to deal with this problem. An answer came in December of 1860 as South Carolina issued its response to secede from the union of the United States. Thereafter came a snowball effect resulting in twelve more states following suit.

Looking back now, it is hard to believe there wasn't a better answer to this issue. The war came in a disastrous way as all wars are. The State of North Carolina was caught up in the conflict, and so was the Jacob Henry Barnes family. John W. Barnes, the first child and son, was at the exact age of 18 when the War started, and he enlisted on the 4th of June 1861. He "...mustered in as sergeant and was appointed 2nd Lieutenant about the 28th of July, in 1861." His abilities were evidently very obvious from the start. Sad as it is to say now, he, "...died at Camp Wigfall, near Manassas, Virginia, August 21, 1861, of typhoid fever".[17] Others in his company (Co. G, 5th Reg.) were possibility friends from before, such as relatives Hickman D. Barnes and Joseph Little Petway, Willie J. Petway, Stephen H. Walston, James White and Robert Holland.[18] One can only imagine the sadness the outcome of the death of John W. Barnes was to his parents and siblings. This first news from the conflict was an omen for what would come four years later when the war ended. The Jacob Henry Barnes family lost a son and their investment of $15,000 in fifteen or more slaves.[19] The family had counted heavily on John W., as the oldest son, for the future. After 1865 they would have to face the new future and do their best with the conditions of the new era.

The Post War Years and the Future

The Civil War changed the whole scene for Wilson County and the rest of the United States. For many in the slave states, the results of the War plunged families into ruin because of many circumstances. In Jacob Henry Barnes' case, he continued to survive and actually did well in the post war years for himself and family. This may be attributable to the fact he was a good manager of resources and had a vision for wise investments.

When the 1870 Wilson County Census was taken Jacob Barnes was listed as 54 years old and Ancey Ann was 47 years old. The economic column listed this families' resources at a shocking $10,000 which must have been in mostly land. Jacob Barnes was listed as living next to the William and Margaret Thorne family.[20] This location is also a known area in Wilson County because some of the Batts and Thorne families have been there to this day in time. The old home place still barely stands, and the graveyard is there to the north of the house. All of this is on what is called Redmon Road (SR 1423) today.[21]

Wilson County deeds records indicate that on the 8th of January 1870, Jacob and Ancey Barnes sold to Margaret P. Batts (wife of the late W. W. Batts) "lot no. 3 drawn by Jacob H. Barnes" which included 125 acres. It seems likely to this writer that these acres were what Jacob inherited from his father Burrell Barnes in 1843.[22] The 1870 census would have been taken several months later, and in the middle of the year, the record states that Jacob H. Barnes still had 450 acres which were probably in another location other than where he actually grew up and farmed originally.[23]

According to J. T. Watson's "The History of Toisnot-Elm City from 1873 to 1932," when Toisnot was being established in 1873, Judge George Howard of Tarboro, N. C., secured "...a site where he could lay out a town and sell lots at a small price... ." Watson continued in his short history by saying, "He (George Howard) secured this land from Messrs. Thomas Gray Dixon and Jacob H. Barnes, two pioneers and outstanding men of this section."[24] Evidently Jacob Henry Barnes owned land exactly were Elm City is today. Watson's history tells how the depot and the post office would be moved to Toisnot. Streets and lots were surveyed, and the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad helped to develop the new town.[25] Jacob Henry Barnes, according to the deed records in the Wilson County Courthouse, sold many lots to interested parties. Likely Thomas Gray Dixon did the same. It helped that Jacob Henry Barnes was on the ground floor in this expanding economy. Toisnot grew fast according to J. T. Watson's history. Deeds in the Wilson County Register's office show that Jacob Henry and wife Ancey Ann Barnes bought and sold property in the 1870's that amounted to about 24 deed transactions during that time.[26] It is an understatement to say they did well during the Reconstruction time in United States history.

Looking back at the personal family life of Jacob and Ancey Ann Barnes, the County records indicate that the first marriage in this family was that of Caroline to Willie Farmer on the 29th of November 1866. Shortly after that on the 27th of December 1866, second daughter Sarah married John Soloman Parker. The next year second son Christopher Columbus Barnes married widow Hester Ann Winstead Sharpe.[27]

Hester's late husband W. G. Sharpe was a successful store owner in Toisnot. Christopher married Hester on the 22nd of October 1867. Hester already had several children from her first

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marriage. Christopher and Hester only had one child named Anna Leah Barnes, and she was born on the 15th of October 1868. When the 1870 census was taken, C. C. Barnes was not with his family.[28] Hester was alone with her children. Christopher Barnes died before the 1870 census.[29]

When the 1880 Wilson County Census was taken Jacob and Ancey Ann Barnes were home with only two children there with them. Susanna was eighteen years old, and her younger sister Nancy (Nannie) was sixteen years old. Patriarch Jacob Barnes was now listed as being 64 years old and his wife Ancey was 58.[30] In the 1880's Jacob Barnes slowed down in his real estate ventures, but there are records in the Courthouse that indicate he still trafficked in land. On the 18th of February, he bought from Burrell Barnes a 500 acre farm that was called the "home plantation." This was the largest real estate acquisition that Jacob Barnes was involved in as far as acres were concern.[31] In the early years of the 1880's, Jacob sold 32 individual lots in Toisnot to several different interested parties.[32]

During these years, third daughter Susanna W. Barnes married Halifax salesman William Thomas Doles. The Doles lived and raised their family in Elm City. Many of them were later buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery.[33]

On the 22nd of April 1885, the last Barnes child married. Nancy or Nannie married widower William H. Griffin of Goldsboro. William Griffin was a very capable business man in the sale of coal and wood in the city of Goldsboro.[34] After this latest marriage, it was the first time in over four decades the Jacob H. Barnes household was empty of their off-spring.

Endnotes and Comments

1. A search in such books as Williams & Griffin's *Abstracts of Wills, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1733-1856,* and Watson's *Kinfolks of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1788-1855* under the names of these Barnes and Skinners will reveal the economic standing of Jacob and Ancey Ann Skinner Barnes.
2. Sue Evans Powell & Henry Powell, *Wilson County's Founding Families*, pg. 63.
3. Same as above.
4. Same as above.
5. Same as above.
6. Williams & Griffin, *Marriages of Early Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1733-1868*, pg. 9.
7. See no. 2 above, pg. 376 & no. 1 above, *Abstracts of Wills*, pg. 305-306.
8. See no. 1 above *Kinfolks of Edgecombe County*, pg. 276: DB 23, pg. 398.
9. Wilson County deed bk. 3, pg. 574.
10. S. E. Bradley, Jr., *The 1850 Federal Census, Edgecombe County, North Carolina*, pg. 17, no. 475 & pg. 16 no. 430.
11. Albert R. Page, Sr., "John Gray Williams" in *Trees of Wilson*, January 1999, pg. 6-7.
12. 250 acres and 11 slaves point to personal inheritance. See also nos. 7 & 8 above.
13. See Boykin's obituaries in *Trees of Wilson*, Mar. 2012, pg. 30 for A. J. Moore's comments on the late "Jacob H. Barnes." Jacob Barnes' many land deeds in Wilson County attest to his ability in real estate transactions.
14. Joan L. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina Federal Census of 1860*, pg. 68, no. 648; See also Cedar Grove Cemetery in Elm City in Howell's *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Vol. 2* , pg. 69 & 87.
15. Same as above in Howell's *1860 Wilson Co. Census*.
16. Same as above in Howell's *1860 Wilson Co. Census*, pg. 140, no. 1528 & pg. 211, no. 125.
17. W. T. Jordan & L. N. Manarin, *North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865, A Roster, Vol. IV*, pg.209 (Co. G 5th Reg.)
18. Same as above pgs. 210, 218, 220 & 215.
19. See no. 16 above.
20. Joan L. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1870*, pg. 79, nos. 122 & 124.
21. A picture of the old Batts/Thorne home place can be found in Kate Ohno's, *Wilson County Architectural Heritage*, pg. 152.
22. Wilson County deed bk. 3, pg. 574.
23. Later records place Jacob H. Barnes in the west Elm City area. See the "Burrell H. Barnes Farm" survey by R. G. Ball in Wilson Co. deed bk. 1, pg. 179.
24. Pamphlet by J. T. Watson, "The History of Toisnot-Elm City from 1873 to 1932," a copy of which is in this writer's possession.
25. Same as above.
26. See the index to deeds in Wilson Co. Register of Deeds Office. This writer read all deeds that included buying & selling property for J. H. and Ancey A. Barnes.
27. J. R. Boykin, III, *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Vol. I & II*. Vol. I pg. 284; Vol. II, pg. 537; & Vol. I, pg. 46.
28. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1870*, pg. 89, no. 225; see Powell's *Wilson County's Founding Families*, pg. 370 under Wm. G. Sharpe.
29. Same as above.
30. J. R. Boykin, III, *Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census*, pg. 48, no. 118.
31. It appears that Jacob H. Barnes first bought this real estate from W. E. Winstead then sold it to Burrell H. Barnes (Wilson Co. deed bk. 13, pg. 430) in 1877. Then in 1880 (Wilson Co. deed bk. 16, pg. 317), Jacob bought it back from B. H. Barnes.
32. Wilson County Register of Deeds Office deed bk. 17, pg. 255; bk. 18, pg. 95; bk. 18, pg. 262; bk. 22, pg. 599; bk. 223, pg. 11 & etc.
33. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Vol. II*, pg. 87.
34. Boykin, *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, Vol. I*, pg. 324.

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OBITUARIES

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

MRS. LOUISA EASON

Zion's Landmark, October 1, 1909

Dear Mr. Gold:—

Will you please publish an account of my dear aunt's death, Mrs. Louisa Eason.

She was born Aug. 18th [1883] and died February 28th, 1909, making her stay on earth 26 years. She was the daughter of W. H. and Florence Brown.

She was not a member of any church, but we all think she had faith in the Primitive Baptists.

Four month [sic.] before she died she was at her father's and asked them to sing the song "While sorrows encompass me around," and said she wanted them to sing that song over her grave when she died.

Her home was in Rocky Mount, N. C., but she died at her old home near Crisp, N. C., and was buried in the Eason graveyard.

She leaves a husband, three children, an aged father and mother and several sisters and brothers to mourn their loss, but we believe their loss is her eternal gain.

They sung [sic.] the song spoken of above [at] her grave.

Written by her niece,

Macclesfield, N. C. SALLIE CORBETT.

MRS. ELLEN ETHEREDGE

Zion's Landmark, November 15, 1909

This lady died at the home of her son, Mr. A. W. Etheredge, near Saratoga, N. C. , Oct. 30, after an illness of about six weeks. She leaves 8 children to mourn her departure, two sons and 6 daughters. She also leaves 2 sisters who were with her two weeks before she died. She also leaves 1 brother and 20 grand-children with a host of friends.

She was 61 years old, was a member of the Primitive Baptist church at White Oak where her absence will be sorely felt.

She was loved by all that knew her well, and was tenderly laid to rest at her old home by her husband Sunday p. m. Her funeral was well attended, showing she had many friends.

Although we grieve to lose her, one so near our hearts, we feel that she is at rest, while the last few weeks of her life on earth was [sic.] full of suffering. But when death came it was with peace. We all know that death is sure, and we should join in and say sleep on beloved, take thy rest laying thy head on thy Saviour's breast.

Her niece,

Wilson, N. C. Mrs. Bessie Hendricks.

THEAATERS G. FULGHUM.

Zion's Landmark, October 1, 1901

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write a notice of my darling baby's death, Theaaters G. Fulghum.

She was born June 25th, 1908, and died June 12th, 1909, making her stay on earth 11 months and 16 days.

She was a bright little baby but never appeared to be very well. She was easy to nurse only when in pain. She was taken on Thursday, May 27th and lived until June 12, suffering for sixteen days. She suffered with sore mouth and stomach trouble. I suppose she was cutting teeth and began doctoring her as I had the others. On Friday, however, she quit nursing and on Sunday we went for the doctor. He said she was inflamed. He continued to come and did all he could as the rest of us did for her, but none could stay the hand of death.

She never refused to take her medicine, and bore her sufferings with more patience than any one I have ever seen. Although her mouth was terribly swollen and raw her eyes were bright and strong until the very last.

I gave her up to her savior who suffered more to bring her into life than I did.

Written by her mother,

Selma, N. C. LUCINDA FULGHUM.

GEORGE HILDARD GAY.

Zion's Landmark, October 1, 1909

With a sad and heavy heart I will try to write the obituary of my little darling son George Hildard Gay, who was born May 9th, 1906 and died Aug. 22d 1909 making his stay on earth three years three months and thirteen days.

He was the sunshine of our home and it seemed that my own life went with him. Brother Gold, it is so hard to give up our loved ones, but the Lord giveth and He taketh away and blessed be His Holy name. I sometimes feel that I can't bear it, but the blessed Lord never puts more on any of us than we are not able to bear.

He was such a loving child; I felt like the family loved him to much for him to stand this troublesome world of sorrow and pain. I feel that we all ought to feel satisfied about him for he is not dead but asleep, yes, blessed sleep, whence no one ever makes to weep.

He leaves father mother two brothers and four sisters to mourn their loss, but I feel like our loss is his eternal gain for I believe he is at rest in the arms of Jesus where all his troubles are at an end.

Brother Gold, please pray for a grief stricken father and mother. [poetry omitted]

Written by his mother

Pinetop [sic.], N. C. Mary Gay.

JAMES HAVERSON GRIFFIN.

Zion's Landmark, October 1, 1906

Oh, it is with a sad and broken heart that I attempt to write of the icy hand of death which has entered our dear home and taken from us our loving father, James Haverson Griffin. He was the son of Thomas and Jane Griffin, and was born August 5, 1828, and departed this life June 3, 1906, making his stay on earth 77 years, nine months and twenty-eight days. In his early manhood he served as a soldier in the Mexican war; on his

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return he was married to Emily Lane. Unto them was born one child. They lived happily together until he was called to go to the civil war, serving his time there as a faithful soldier. When upon his return he found both wife and child had died. On December 3, 1867, he was again married to Martha A. Proctor. Unto them were born eight children, six girls and two boys, of whom five girls and two boys survive him. He was a good husband, kind and devoted father and a good neighbor, always ready to administer to those in need. A wife, seven children, seventeen grand-children, other relatives and a host of friends are left to mourn his loss. But we have hope that our loss is his eternal gain, for we feel that he is at rest, asleep in Jesus. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Pleasant Hill, Edgecombe county, N. C., Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1870. He afterwards moved his membership to Falls church, Nash county, N. C., where he lived a consistent member until his death. He always attended his church regularly until the last few years when he became too feeble. He had a slight stroke of paralysis last October, which he partially recovered, when upon the following February he had another stroke which made him helpless until the end. All was done for him that devoted wife, loving children and grandchildren, kind friends and family physician could do, but none could stay the hand of death. He seemed willing to die and about three days before he died we heard him murmur, "Oh God take me to my heavenly home." He also requested us to sing for him. I asked him what would he have us to sing. "Jerusalem, my happy home,... ." Which we did in our weak way, for it seemed almost impossible. Oh how he did enjoy every word in that song. He tried to help sing, but his voice was too weak.

Elder M. B. Williford preached his funeral and read the above hymn, after which he was laid to rest in the family burying ground to await the resurrection morn, when the dead in Christ shall rise first and see Jesus and be like them.

We miss you, dear father, so much and know your place can never be filled, but we should not grieve for the Lord's will must be done. May the good Lord enable us to be submissive to his will and prepare us to meet him above.

Written by his devoted daughter,

PATTIE BRADLEY.

EMMA E. HARRELL

Zion's Landmark, November 1, 1906

The icy hand of death has entered another home, and has taken from us our loving cousin, and it is with a sad and sorrowful heart I make an attempt to write a short obituary of her death. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Harrell and was born in Edgecombe county, N. C., on June 17, 1876, and died September 5, 1906, making her stay on earth 30 years, 2 months and 19 days.

She was married to Speight Harrell of Edgecombe county May 11, 1892. Very soon after her marriage she went to live in Berkley, Va., where she lived till her death. Unto this union was born one child who now survives her.

From all accounts she was a good and obedient child, always ready and willing to do anything for her parents.

She was a true and faithful wife toward her husband. She is gone and left us to mourn—her husband, son, father, mother, one sister, one brother, and a lot of relatives and friends to weep for her. But our loss is her gain. She was a good neighbor, ever ready to help any one. Her chair is vacant, her voice is still.

Emma was indeed a great sufferer, being an invalid for many years, but bore sufferings with a patience that was wonderful, neither murmuring nor complaining. She never confessed any hope, nor united with any church, but we feel sure she is at rest. She suffered no tongue can tell how much. Her husband did everything he could do and a great number of good physicians, but nothing could stay the cold icy hand of death.

Oh! how said to part from her, but we feel our loss is her eternal gain; and oh! how we will miss her; but we hope she is now at rest, where there is no sorrow, nor pain, nor death, but where all is peace and happiness, there to sing God's praises forever and ever.

May it be our happy lot to meet her there.

After some very good remarks by Mr. S. S. Nash she was laid away in our family graveyard to wait the resurrection morn. [poetry omitted]

Written by her loving cousin,

Coakley, N. C. BESSIE JONES.

SALLIE ANN SMITH

Zion's Landmark, August 1, 1906

Sister Sallie Ann Smith, about 74 years of age, died May 16th, 1906.

Sister Smith was the wife of brother J. B. Smith of Johnston County, N. C. About 20 years ago she was received a member at Healthy Plains, Wilson County, N. C. and baptized by Elder John Scott. Her death was remarkably sudden. Her husband had just been talking with her, and was then at work in his garden. She talked as usual saying she felt well and died instantly.

Elder G. W. Boswell preached her funeral.

She was a loving, faithful, peaceable church member, and was much beloved by the brethren that knew her, and highly respected by her neighbors. Such people when the Lord calls them away are much missed by the church and their neighbors, and specially [sic] by the surviving husband or wife.

But Brother Smith feels that his wife has been called from the evil of this world to the glorious rest of the people of God.

P. D. Gold.

JOSEPH HENRY WARD

Lisa Y. Henderson

Introduction

If you are from Wilson or Wayne Counties, you have probably known or have met at least one person named Artis. The Artises descend from a free family of color in early 18th century Virginia. By the late 1700s, branches of the family had begun to spread south into North Carolina, and by 1840 the largest concentration of Artises could be found in the area around present-day Fremont and Eureka.

I am descended from Adam Toussaint Artis, who was born in 1831, probably in the Bullhead area of northwest Greene County, to a free woman named Vicey Artis and her enslaved husband, Solomon Williams. Adam moved to the Eureka area as a young man, where he worked as a carpenter, cooper and farmer. He was a widower for the first of many times in 1858, and two years later he married Frances Seaberry.

Frances was born free about 1845 in northern Wayne County to Aaron and Louisa Hagans Seaberry. Prior to her marriage to Aaron, Louisa had a son, Napoleon Hagans. Napoleon would grow to become a respected farmer who owned hundreds of acres in Wayne and Greene Counties, dabbled in local politics, served as a delegate to the Cotton States Exposition in New Orleans in 1884, and testified before the U. S. Congress on the conditions that lead black farmers to migrate west in the late 1870s. Napoleon fathered four sons, three of whom achieved spectacular success in an era of worsening political freedoms for African-Americans. Henry Edward Hagans (1868-1926) graduated Shaw University, taught at the precursor to NC A&T State University, was secretary to U. S. Congressman George H. White, was active in Republican party politics and lead the colored high school in Goldsboro. William Scarlett Hagans (1869-1947), a Howard University graduate, followed his brother's footsteps as White's secretary. He took over their father's farm after his death and prospered from crops of tobacco and cotton before selling out and migrating to Philadelphia, where he created a successful real estate company. It is the final son, however, that I wish to introduce to you more closely. His name was Joseph Henry Ward.

Joseph Henry Ward

An article about Joseph Ward that appeared in the Indianapolis Freeman in 1899 is a rare gem in the world of African-American genealogy – a document that provides precious personal details about the life of an individual. The most basic fact, and one that surprised me, was that Joseph was born in Wilson. Though his father Napoleon spent his entire life in Wayne County, it turns out that Joseph's mother was born in Greene and reared in Wilson County. The article speaks of Joseph's "parents" without much detail, most likely because they were not married. As a result, he was deprived of the educations his half-brothers readily received and had to make his own way in the world. In the 1880s, he left Wilson and went to LaGrange, where he took a job as a porter at Davis Military Academy. Before long, however – and for reasons we may never know – he headed to Richmond, Virginia, and then Indianapolis. There, he went to work for a local doctor, who noticed his intelligence and encouraged his ambitions. Joseph graduated from high school, received a medical degree from the Physio-Medical College of Indiana, then a second medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine.

Dr. Ward set up practice in Indianapolis, and in 1904 married Zella Locklear, who was descended from free people of color who migrated from North Carolina to Indiana in the 1850s. Another newspaper article, published in 1909, reported details of the hospital that he established for the city's underserved African-American community. The "first-class" 17-room facility also included a nursing training school.

Around this time, Dr. Ward became acquainted with Madame C. J. Walker, a pioneer in African-American hair care and entrepreneurship. Madame Walker lived temporarily with the Wards when she relocated to Indianapolis and briefly used their home for product demonstrations. Dr. Ward served as her personal physician for the rest of her life, and Madam Walker appointed him to the board of trustees of her multi-million dollar manufacturing company. Their close relationship also extended to philanthropic work, as exemplified in this photograph of Madame Walker, Dr. Ward, and Booker T. Washington taken in 1913 at the dedication of Indianapolis' Rosenburg YMCA.

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World War I

Dr. Ward was 46 years old when the United States entered the First World War. He had practiced surgery for 18 years, had been Indianapolis' City School Inspector for eight years, and was long active in the Indianapolis branch of the YMCA. Nonetheless, he volunteered for service as a medical doctor in the U.S. Army.

Dr. Ward reported to Fort Des Moines for the Medical Officers Training Camp (Colored) (MOTC) on August 8, 1917. He was second oldest of the 104 physicians in camp. Dr. Ward was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps, and by the end of camp was promoted to Captain. Ward was assigned to the 92nd Division and sent to France, where he commanded a base hospital. By war's end, he was one of only two African American officers in the Medical Corps to attain the rank of Major. In 1924, he was further promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Medical Reserve Corps.

Post War Years

After the war, African Americans demanded medical care for disabled black veterans and employment opportunities for black medical professionals in recognition for the wartime service of an estimated 385,000 men. Public hospitals in the South often refused to treat black soldiers. Tuskegee Home opened in 1923 in Tuskegee, Alabama, to provide long-term care for black veterans, particularly those suffering from tuberculosis and mental health issues. After intense lobbying by African-American leaders, in 1924 the Veterans Bureau appointed Dr. Joseph Ward medical director and chief of the surgical service. Under his leadership the hospital became a training ground for young African-American doctors. He remained at the helm for 12 years until dismissed in 1937 under controversial circumstances.

Ward returned to Indianapolis in 1936 to reestablish his medical practice. For the next 20 years, he continued his deep engagement in civic affairs for the betterment of Indianapolis' African-American community and died there in 1956.

I was fascinated to learn the details of Dr. Ward's life, which included connecting with his descendants, long-lost cousins I never knew I had. In attempting to answer some of their questions, I began to wonder if I could find out more about Joseph Ward's early years in Wilson.

The Earlier Years

Knowing that Joseph Ward was born in 1871, I checked the 1880 census of Wilson County but did not find a boy of the right age. I did, however, see this entry: Sarah Darden (57), Algia Vaughn (23, son-in-law), Mittie (22, daughter), Joseph (8, grandson), Sarah (6, granddaughter), and Macinda (5 mos., granddaughter).

I knew Dr. Ward's mother's name was Mittie. This is her picture taken from her 1924 obituary in the Pittsburgh Courier, one of the leading African-American newspapers of the early 20th century. I also knew he had a sister named Sarah Ward Moody. I located Sarah Ward's marriage license to William Moody, as well as a marriage license for Mittie and Algernon Vaughn. So this was the right family. Joseph and Sarah were listed in the 1880 census in their stepfather's name, and "Joseph Vaughn" is in fact the Joseph Ward I was looking for. Sarah Darden is his grandmother, Mittie and Algernon his mother and stepfather, and Sarah and Macinda his sisters.

The Late Mrs. Mittie Ward

Mother of Major J. H. Ward, Tuskegee Hospital Head, Dies

I then found a cohabitation registration for grandmother Sarah Ward and Sam Darden, dated 12 July 1866. This registration, which formalized the marriages of former slaves, noted that they had been married five years, well after the births of Sarah's children Mittie and Appie. If Sam Darden was not their father, who was?

The first clue: in 1902, when William S. Hagans (son of Napoleon and Mittie's sister Appie Ward Hagans) registered to vote in Wayne County, under the state's grandfather clause, he named "Dr. Ward" as his qualifying ancestor. I didn't know what to make of that — I couldn't find a Dr. Ward in Wayne County — so I laid it to the side for a bit.

Then I found a reference to Appie and Mittie's previously unknown brother in Bobby Boykin's Wilson County marriage book. On 16 June 1870, Henry Ward, son of D. G. W. Ward and Sarah Darden, married Sarah Forbes in Wilson, North Carolina. If we assume that Henry, Appie and Mittie had the same father, who is this D. G. W. Ward? Was he the "Dr. Ward" that William claimed as his qualifying ancestor under the grandfather clause?

In the 1860 census, D. G. W. Ward (45) and wife Adline (19) appear in Speights district, Greene County, which borders Wilson County to the southeast. Ward reported owning $26,500 in real property and a whopping $112,000 in personal property! As the 1860 slave census shows, this wealth largely consisted of 54 slaves. He was one of the, if not the, wealthiest men in the county. And he was a physician. Here, indeed, was Dr. Ward.

David George Washington Ward was married twice — perhaps circa 1840 to Mariah H. Vines, who died after having one child; then to Emily Adeline Moye in 1859. Between those marriages, he fathered at least three children with Sarah, an enslaved woman.

Ward-Applewhite-Thompson House

A close examination of a copy of a local Confederate map – I purchased a copy from WCGS –

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revealed the approximate location of David G. W. Ward's plantation. Pretty quickly, I found a link to a copy of a nomination form for the National Register of Historic Places Inventory, submitted for the Ward-Applewhite-Thompson house near Stantonsburg, North Carolina. This Greek Revival house, dating back to about 1859, was owned and occupied by several of the area's leading planters — including "country doctor" D. G. W. Ward, who purchased it in 1857 — and it and its outbuildings are little changed from their antebellum forms.

As I read the detailed architectural description of the house and its setting, a tiny kernel of recognition began to form in my mind. A big, white, two -story house? Set well back from the road? Just outside Stantonsburg?

I scoured the maps attached to the nomination form, trying to lay them over the current topography. State Road 1539 ... that would be Sand Pit Road today ... just east of a fork in the road and just north of the Norfolk & Southern Railroad (which was not there in Ward's time) ... and there it is, just like I remember.

Yes. Like I remember. I've BEEN in this house. Many times, though long ago.

Growing up, our local family was quite small, but my cousin's father came from a big family with deep Wilson County roots. Her grandmother had nearly a dozen siblings, and we were often invited to attend their family gatherings, including the annual 4th of July family reunions at Aunt Minnie Barnes' house near Stantonsburg. The Barneses were tenant farmers and rented the landowners' large two-story house. We'd pull off the road into a sandy circular drive and park under the trees alongside cars with New York and New Jersey plates. I vividly remember my cousin's great-uncles and cousins tending a barbecue pit in which a split pig roasted, chickens strutting among them. A screened side porch protected platter after platter of home-grown, home-cooked goodness. My memories of the interior of the house are vague -- a central staircase, two large front rooms, the kitchen in back – but I definitely knew this house.

I couldn't believe it. It is exciting enough to identify D. G. W. Ward's house and find that it is still standing, but to realize that I knew the house at which Mittie Ward had lived and worked as the enslaved child of her own father was uncanny. I had found Dr. Joseph Ward's roots indeed.

PETITION FOR PARDON—D. G. W. WARD

Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

His Excellency
Andrew Johnson
President of the United States

The petition of D. G. W. Ward of Greene County and state of North Carolina, for Pardon & clemency under the recent amnesty Proclamation of your Excellency, showeth humbly and respectfully That your Applicant falls under the head of the 13th clause of said Proclamation, viz, relating to Twenty Thousand dollars worth of property & over, provided he really comes under that head at all, of which he has some doubt, and therefore files this Petition with the uncertainty, that should his Property ever realize that amount, then he hereby shows his disposition as a loyal citizen to conform to the sd. Proclamation, as well as perform all other acts of good and true citizenship.

Your Petitioner would say that he held no office under the Government of the so-called Confederate states, bringing him under the exclusive class, but lest any misconstruction should be put on his conduct during the Rebellion of the so-called Confederate States, he begs to state as an incident, that he did for a brief period [fill] a subordinate position in the Tithing Department of the Quarter Master's Depart't – without profit and as a protection against being forced into the said War, under the then advancing Conscription laws [inserted: and when finding the Confederate Gov't did not raise the conscription age, he resigned] and that he never so took up arms against the United States nor aided by any overt act the same.

Your applicant therefore begs that his case may be considered with clemency and be fully Pardoned and legally reconciled to the Federal Government. That he hereby promises to sustain its laws, acquiesces in its emancipation of the Institution of slavery, and in fact and truth do all acts of loyal citizenship. And so bound he will ever Pray.

Goldsboro N. C.
June 17 1865 /s/ D. G. W. Ward

State of North Carolina
Executive Department
Raleigh, September 29th, 1865

Dr. R. J. Powel
No 55 Treasury building
Washington City

My dear sir:

My friend, Dr. G. G. [sic.] Ward, who will hand this to you has an application on file for a special pardon, marked for suspension. Since I forwarded the application I have received such proofs of his penitence and his loyalty for the last two as to make me desire his immediate pardon.

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WCGS November Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2014, 7 PM

The Wilson County Genealogical Society met in the assembly room of the Wilson County Public Library. The president gave the welcome. Wanda Taylor, treasurer, gave a report and told the group that a full report for the year will be given at the January meeting.

Howell reminded the group of announcements in *Trees*. It was noted that Lisa Henderson, last month's speaker, has donated some of her research material to the local history room. Henderson also sent a very complimentary letter to WCGS which was printed in the most recent issue of *Trees*. Lynn Lamm and Albert Page shared some of their research experiences.

The slate of nominees was presented to the group, and a motion was made to accept the nominations.

Wanda Taylor and Joan Howell complimented Larry Gaissart for his hard work shipping the books ordered from the Society. Taylor and Gaissart explained to the group the process they use to insure that all orders are filled promptly and all monies are duly recorded. Taylor said that she needs the email address on orders, so that she can send a receipt via email.

Joan Howell gave an update on her work on Rest Haven cemetery. She distributed a sample sheet to show the group what a typical page will look like and how information will be arranged once the book is published.

Carol Forbes reported that the WCGS Yahoo Groups site has 374 members. She told the group that WCGS has maintained the site since 1998 and explained what one could expect to find at the site. She pointed out that the information needed to join the group is in the newsletter. Forbes also fields all calls to the Society's phone number.

The next meeting of the society will be on January 27, 2015, at 7 pm. The program will be presented by the Barnes-Pender Heritage Corp., Inc. The group maintains the Confederate Hospital site in Wilson, N. C. Refreshments were served. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Webb

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **It is time to pay your dues for 2015** if you have not already done so.

Our treasurer requests that members **send their e-mail addresses with their dues payment.** She will then send a paid receipt by e-mail as verification that their dues were received.

- **Deciphering and Preserving Vintage Photos**, a workshop, Saturday, 21 March 2015, N. C. State Archives, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601. Maureen Taylor, The Photo Detective, will present four lectures to help you find clues in your old photos. Archives personnel will also present lunchtime lectures based on collections at the Archives and proper preservation techniques.

More details can be found on the NCGS website. Register online on the NCGS website, or print and mail the registration form.

- The **Edgecombe County Genealogical Society** usually meets at the Edgecombe County Memorial Library, in Tarboro, N. C., at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month.
- The **Greene County Family Researchers** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Greene County Museum in Snow Hill, N. C.
- The **Old Dobbs Genealogical Society** meets at 10:30 am the third Saturday of each calendar quarter, at the Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, N. C.
- The **Tar River Connections Genealogical Society** meets at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except Dec., at the Braswell Memorial Library in Rocky Mount, N. C.
- The **Pitt County Family Researchers** meet at 7:00 pm, third Tuesdays, at Sheppard Memorial Library, 530 Evans St., Greenville, N. C.
- The **Farmville, N. C., Ancestor Seekers** meet 10 am to 12 noon the second Saturday of each month at the Farmville Public Library.

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His father-in-law Macon Moye also has on file an application for pardon in which immediate action was recommended by me.

If you can succeed in obtaining pardons for these gentlemen I shall take it as a very great favor.

Very truly your
Friend and obe't Servant
/s/ W. W. Holden

Papers cant be found.
L. R. [illegible]

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President's Message

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION!

Our library has recently subscribed to Family Tree Magazine, and a look at the current issue (their 15th Anniversary Issue) reveals a plethora of wonderful articles, including:

*101 Best Genealogy Tips
*Trace African American Slave Ancestors
*Five Websites to Search for Old Court Records
*Online Court Records
*Power Tools by Rick Crume

The last named above was one I found most interesting. To quote, "Fifteen years ago ... researchers relied mostly on snail-mailing requests, looking up names in printed books and scrolling microfilm. Today we still use those methods, but most of our research time is spent searching websites and communicating online. What used to take weeks or months to accomplish can now be done in seconds online. And DNA testing has become a routine way to prove and disprove relationships and identify our ethnic origins. Let's look back at the 15 tech tools that have most transformed genealogy—and that you'll want to include in your research toolbox." January/February 1915, p. 51

You will find those tech tools and many of the other suggestions included in the magazine to be helpful in your research. Come to the library to read the articles. If you don't live near Wilson, I suggest you encourage your library to subscribe to this very informative magazine.

Joan Lawrence Howell

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library Assembly Room, February 24th

Please join us for our meeting on February 24th in the Genealogy and Local History Room at the library.

Our program will be presented by Perry Morrison who will speak to us about the Wilson Historical Association and their activities. Morrison, a member of WCGS, has served as president of the Historical Association.

Our ancestors lived in a historical and geographical context, and we can not begin to understand them until we know about the time in which they lived. With this in mind, the Wilson County Historical Association is a resource that we should utilize.

Please mark your calendars for the 2015 meetings:

March 31	September 29
April 28	October 27
May 26	November 24

DUES FOR 2015 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.

Submit yours now while it is on your mind! If dues are not paid by the end of January, members may not receive any additional issues of Trees of Wilson until they are paid.

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PETITIONS FOR PARDON

Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

State of North Carolina}
Wilson County }

To his Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States,

The petition of Edwin Barnes of the County and state aforesaid very respectfully showeth unto your Excellency that according to the terms of the Proclamation of the President of the United States bearing date 29th May 1865 he is excluded from the general amnesty. His offense lyeth in that he is supposed to [be] worth twenty thousand dollars and in having voluntarily aided the rebellion. He by no means admits that he is now worth that amount not knowing whether his credits are worth anything, his land is not estimated at that much. His aid to the rebellion consisted in contributions to soldiers and soldiers families, paying taxes and in honest conviction of the justness of the cause. The issue having been fairly settled he is now willing to abide the result, and henceforth make a faithful citizen of the United States, that he will use his best endeavors to bring about a cordial acquiescence to the constituted authorities of the United States pledging himself to a true & faithful allegiance to the general Government.

He therefore prays your Excellency to grant him full and free pardon and a restoration of all the rights and privileges of citizenship. And as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray &c.

/s/ Edwin Barnes

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me the 25th Aug 1865
W. G. Sharp, J.P.

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WILSON SCHOOL LIBRARY CIRCULATION RECORD OF SPRING TERM 1899

Contributed by Joan L. Howell

[Editor's notes: Continued from the May 2014 issue of *Trees of Wilson*. Using the *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900*, by Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe, an attempt has been made to place these students with their families. Some of the names do not appear in the census which may mean that they were boarders or that they were listed in the census with a different first name or they had moved away. In other cases, there were several children with the same name who would have been of the right age, but we did not have enough information to determine which child was the named student.

Additional information came from *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV,* Joan L. Howell; and *The Rise of a Southern Town*, Patrick M. Valentine; *History of Wilson County, North Carolina*]

Morton, Clem
Moss, Cobb—b. Apr. 1889, son of Vernon Floyd Moss and wife Loula Aurelia Binns. Mrs. Moss was born in Virginia.
Moss, Loula—b. Mar 1886, sister of Cobb Moss
Murray, Donald
Murray, Mrs. M. H.

McCraw, Ella
McGuire, Annie
McGuire, Mattie
McKeel, Della—b. July 1884, daughter of John Henry and Tamsey McKeel
McSween, Florie

Nichols, Annie
Nunn, Courtney—May have been Courtney Nunner, b. Mar. 1889, daughter of Benjamin F. and Addie K. Nunner
Nunn, Frank—May have been Benjamin F., b. Oct. 1885, son of Benjamin F. and Addie K. Nunner

Oettinger, Elmer—b. March 1889, son of Jonas and Martha Oettinger. Jonas was born in MD; Martha was born in VA; parents of both were born in Germany.
Overman, Fletcher—b. Aug. 1889, son of Martin and Marry Overman
Overman, Lloyd—b. Oct. 1887, brother of Fletcher
Owens, Addie

Pace, Easley
Paris, Ella—b. Mar. 1886, daughter of Cheldie Parriss
Paris, Lucy—b. July 1891, " " " "
Paris, Mattie—b. Oc. 1884, " " " "
Paschall, Clara—b. Oct. 1883, daughter of Benjamin G. and Ira P. Paschall
Paschall, Dida—b. Sept. 1888, daughter of Joseph B. and Lou Paschall
Paschall, Evelyn—b. June 1890, sister of Clara
Paschall, Henry—b. May 1888, brother of Clara
Pasteur, Caroline
Pasteur, Lillie
Pearce, May—may have been Marry P., b. May 1886, daughter of William S. and Marry J. Pearce. William's father was born in England and his mother in VA.

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JOSHUA BARNES

Zion's Landmark, Vol. 24, No. 3, December 15, 1890

Contributed by M. W. Moore and J. Robert Boykin

GEN. JOSHUA BARNES

A great benefactor as well as a special friend of so many individuals, General Barnes, in the 78th year of his age on the 13th day of October, 1890, at the residence of his son in law, Mr. A. Branch of Wilson, lingering only a few weeks, after a second attack of paralysis, with no indications of pain, gently breathed out the last of his mortal existence. He was the youngest of ten children of Jesse Barnes, Sr. by his last wife, Miss Edith Daniel. Only one survived him: Mr. Wm. Barnes, his next older brother, by only seven weeks. He was born in Edgecombe, now Wilson County, on the farm now owned by Mr. Silas Lucas, one mile from the Town of Wilson on the 13th of June A. D. 1813.

His parents, though wealthy, thought it honourable to labour and prominent among the splendid qualifications which they added to a strong mind and a sound constitution, that together with a liberal education in the Schools, enabled him so well to meet and overcome the responsibilities of life, was a thorough practical knowledge of manual labor. He spent his entire life in this community—was aggressive in style, turning up things rather than waiting for them to turn up; and in spite of his great liberality and charitableness, this world's goods continued to accumulate around him; and although in consequence of the late war his loss in slaves and other property was immense, he was nevertheless left in possession of a handsome estate.

At about the age of 27, he made his first appearance in public life, being by the militia regiments of Northampton, Edgecombe, Nash and others elected Brig. General from whence properly receiving the title, "General," by which he was so familiarly known.

On the 16th day of May 1843, he was married to Matilda Bynum, daughter of Turner and Nancy Bynum of Edgecombe County, and sister of Robert Bynum, a prominent Colonel of one of his regiments.

Nanny, now Mrs. A. [Alpheus] Branch, a model for her mother, was their first child. There was but one other, a son born unto them who, in honor of Ben. Lewis Dicken Wilson, one of Edgecombe's most worthy and most distinguished sons, was named Louis Dicken Wilson [Barnes].

Wilson, as he was always called, grew up to be a bright and promising youth. In him were centered the fondest hopes of a loving, indulgent, and aspiring father. But alas! While young at the age of ten, he sickened and died, ... It is doubtful whether Gen. Barnes ever fully recovered from the effects of this terrible dispensation that deprived him of his only son.

Being elected in 1842, 44, 50, and 54, he was one of the representatives from the Democratic county of Edgecombe, during four sessions of the Legislature of North Carolina. Col. David Williams was his colleague in 1854, through whose assistance, during the session that followed, Gen'l Barnes secured the New county of Wilson. This was the crowning act of his public life; and as it was then and is still well known, that it was through the wisdom, sacrifices, and great personal influence of Gen. Barnes that the County of Wilson was obtained, it established for him a permanent, deserving, and grateful remembrance.

After the close of the war he was elected to the Senate of N. C., by the counties of Nash and Wilson, showing that unlike most prominent antebellum men, he had retained his popularity and still held a warm place in the hearts of his countrymen. With ability and satisfaction for a number of years he was chairman of the county court of Wilson county.

In the year of 1873 at the age of sixty, in the vigor of manhood and usefulness, he was, by a paralytic stroke, deprived of the use of his entire left side.

For a year or two he was confined to his bed and his death was constantly expected. Hearing of the wonderful cures the Atlanta Surgical Institution was making, against the advice of physicians and friends, he resolved to put himself under the medical care of its physicians. He had to be carried on a stretcher, but he went, was greatly benefitted and returned, and by means of a brace on his left leg was enabled from time to walk a few steps. From that time to within a few months of his death his general health was moderately good; and by means of an invalid's chair and a horse and buggy and some one to help him, he moved about the house and yard, attended preaching regularly, superintended one of his farms in the country and visited from time to time with comparative ease. ...

Early in life he embraced the Primitive Baptist doctrine ... [and] about 14 years ago at Toisnot Bridge near Wilson, by Elder P. D. Gold and Elder Wm. Woodard and Dick Pender, the faithful colored janitor, he together with his brother Wm. Barnes, Jr., were immersed. Considering his weight some 250 pounds, that he was so helpless, his entire left side still being paralized, and that he had to be baptised in an invalid's chair, the baptism was considered a most remarkable one. At once he took a prominent position in the church, held the office of deacon, and was to his death a faithful, liberal and charitable member; one who will be gratefully remembered, as well as sadly missed by all, but by none so much as the poor and needy.

On the 5th day of Dec. 1883, befell... the death of his wife, the loss of one who to him had so truly been a help-mate. ...

Soon after the death of his wife General Barnes moved to Wilson, where, surrounded by all the comforts and luxuries of life, he spent the remainder of his days with his daughter and son-in-law. ... The writer was with him most of the Sabbath before he died about seven o'clock the next

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JACOB HENRY BARNES AND ANCEY ANN SKINNER FAMILY

Contributed by Albert R. Page, Sr.

[Editor's note: This continues Mr. Page's article about the family of Jacob and Ancey Barnes. The first segment was included in the January 2015 issue of Trees of Wilson.]

The Final Mortal Years for Patriarch Jacob and Matriarch Ancey Ann Barnes

No census records survive for Wilson County from the enumeration of 1890 due to a tragic fire, so no valuable characteristics can be drawn from that important U. S. Government record about Jacob and Ancey Ann Barnes. However, from previous records we know that Jacob was 74 in 1890 and Ancey Barnes was 68.

The obituary of Jacob H. Barnes by A. J. Moore indicated that Jacob joined the Primitive Baptist Church on the 21st of November 1885 and was baptized by this writer's third great grandfather (on my father's side) Elder Jesse Baker. This obituary also stated that Jacob H. Barnes died on the 2nd of November 1893.[35]

Jacob Barnes did not leave a will so there was not a provision for wife Ancey Ann Barnes. There were some very excellent estates records that were found in the North Carolina State Archives at Raleigh.[36] Son Burrell H. Barnes was the administrator for his father's estate. A sale of this property was included in the Jacob H. Barnes file in the Archives. These records include the information that at Jacob's death he owned 350 acres.

A survey map was included which showed that Ancey Ann received 67 acres and what appeared to be the old home place. Careful studies by this writer, Register of Wilson County Deeds Lisa Stith and Braswell Genealogy Librarian Traci Thompson suggest that the Barnes family farm was on the west side of the town of Elm City.[37] A later survey in 1919 of the Burrell H. Barnes' land appears to be his father's farm.[38] Even the most recent deeds of present time include notice that lot number 4 in the subdivision of the Burrell H. Barnes lands, that was over 300 acres totally, includes the "old Barnes graveyard".[39]

This writer was told some years ago that the old Barnes farm and graveyard were located in this exact location.[40] It seems likely that Jacob Henry Barnes was buried in this Barnes graveyard on Sharpe's Store Road. Sadly this writer to date has not found this important Barnes cemetery.[41]

When the 1900 Wilson County Census was taken, 78 year old mother Ancey Ann Barnes was living with her son Burrell H. Barnes. We know that Ancey Ann was not well at that time as she was listed as "feeble with old age."[42] Likely she died in the early years of the first decade of 1900. She would have been buried beside her husband Jacob in the old Barnes graveyard and probably other family members that had preceded her in death.

The 1910 Wilson County Census listed Burrell H. Barnes in Elm City and his sister Sarah E. and her husband John S. Parker living with him.[43]

Burrell Barnes died in 1919 and was buried beside his wife Carrie Crafton in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Elm City, N. C. They both have nice headstones there that mark their graves in the old section where other Barnes relatives were buried.[44] Other members of the Jacob and Ancey Ann Barnes family died after this fashion: Nancy (Nannie) Barnes Griffin died on the 28th of April 1908; Caroline Barnes Farmer died on the 28th of March 1929; Sarah E. Barnes Parker died on the 24th of April 1933; and the last surviving child Susanna W. Barnes Doles died on the 12th of August 1934. Susanna was buried with her husband in Cedar Grove Cemetery.[45]

The family of Jacob Henry Barnes was well thought of around Elm City and Wilson County. In tribute, this is what A. J. Moore said in his obituary of Jacob Henry Barnes: "He passed several years of his life just after the War in the town of Wilson and felt much interest in the county and its prosperity and growth. Like all of the Barnes' I have known (and it has been my pleasure to know many of this name in Wilson County), he always seemed to feel a deep concern and lively interest in the county and its prosperity. He was a strong Democrat and loved good government. Was firm and unmovable when he, after mature deliberation had taken his stand, a man of such upright conduct and conversation that his loss cannot be estimated as a citizen of his county."[46]

The "Old Barnes Graveyard

The current owners of lot 4 that was in the Burrell H. Barnes land division in 1919 are Charles H. and wife Hazel H. Powell of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Their Wilson County deed from the 28th of March 1978 stated, "From the above conveyance is excepted the Barnes graveyard, which covers about one-fourth an acre."[47] R. G. Ball surveyed this property in 1919, and lot 4 was 26.8 acres of land and in the northern most corner of the Burrell H. Barnes property.[48] The south west corner of this lot is heavily overgrown and the graveyard may be in this area. Almost all other parts of this 26.8 acreage is cleared land, and there is nothing other than farm land in view.[49] It is believed by this writer that the following graves are in this old Barnes graveyard.

Jacob Henry Barnes b. 19 April 1816
d. 19 April 1893
Ancey Ann Skinner Barnes b. Jun. 1822
d. after 1900
Christopher Columbus Barnes b. 1848
d. abt. 1868
John Soloman Parker b. 12 July 1847
d. 19 Oct. 1927
Sarah E. Barnes Parker b. 11 Mar. 1850
d. 24 Apr. 1933
Willie Farmer b. Sept. 1844
d. 13 Feb. 1920
Caroline "Carry" Barnes Farmer b. 20 July 1842
d. 28 Mar. 1929

There may be and likely are others unknown to this writer buried in this old Barnes graveyard located on the Sharpe's Store Road/West Nash Street just on the western outskirts of Elm City, North Carolina.[50]

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(Jacob Henry Barnes, continued from page 16)

Endnotes and Comments

35. See no. 13 [in Jan. 2015 *Trees*].
36. North Carolina State Archives file of estates records under Ancey Ann Barnes.
37. Former Elm City resident Lisa Stith and I studied the B. H. Barnes Farm survey, and Genealogist Traci Thompson of the Braswell Library in Rocky Mount, N. C., and I studied and compared maps, deeds and information on this Barnes farm location.
38. See no. 23 above [in Jan. 2015 *Trees*].
39. Same as no. 23.
40. In conversation some years ago, Charles Mitchel, former husband of Nancy Doles, told me that the old Barnes farm was out on West Nash Street in Elm City, N. C.
41. I have looked over this area, a number of times, which is cleared land except for the south west corner. The graveyard may be in that over grown location?
42. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900*, pg. 225, no 242.
43. See 1910 Wilson County Census on Ancestry for the family of Burrell Barnes, John S. & Sarah E. Barnes Parker.
44. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume II*, pg. 69. Also, see "Find a Grave" for Burrell & Carrie Barnes' headstones. See Cedar Grove Cemetery in the old section-west side for these graves.
45. Nancy Barnes Griffin was buried in Willow Dale Cemetery in Goldsboro, N. C. Caroline Barnes Farmer may have been buried in the old Barnes graveyard. Sarah E. Barnes Parker likely was also buried in the old Barnes graveyard. Susan Barnes Doles was buried with her family in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Elm City.
46. Same as no. 13.
47. Wilson County Register of Deeds Office deed bk. 1147, pg. 273 & bk. 1154, pg. 393. These deeds are as late as the 1970's, and they still refer to the "old Barnes graveyard" on that property.
48. See this survey map in the Wilson County Register of Deeds Office, bk. 1, pg. 179.
49. See this property on West Nash Street or Sharpe's Store Road on the west side of Elm City, N. C.
50. As an example, refer to Albert R. Page, Sr., "The Odyssey of Ezekiel Smith's Whereabouts?" in *Trees of Wilson*, July/August 2013, pgs. 75-77 & 82 & "Ezekiel Smith Cemetery" in *Trees of Wilson*, Sept. 2013, pg. 94, by the same author. It might be helpful to also look at "T. R. Eagles & Bethiah Smith Edwards Family," in *Trees of Wilson*, Aug. & Sept. 2014 issues pg. 75-77 & 87-89. Most old graveyards represent more graves than what can be seen from the headstones.

BUST BRICK WALLS WITH CLUSTER & COLLATERAL GENEALOGY

Tyler Moss, Online Editor, Family Tree University

Cluster and Collateral Research. Trace your ancestors through their in-direct relatives, coworkers, neighbors, in-laws and more.

"Historically, people lived and migrated in packs. The core "pack" is made up of family, of course. But this core group may change over time, dropping or adding parents, spouses, children and other relatives like widowed in-laws, adult siblings, favorite cousins, orphaned nieces or nephews. Sometimes a pack picks up non-relatives, too: close family friends, members of the same congregation or old neighborhood, extended family of in-laws and other connections.

"Look at relatives other than direct ancestors, as well as folks who lived near each other and migrated together, whether they were blood kin or not. One of the many useful ways in which you can apply Cluster and Collateral Research is in determining kinship." Here is a tip "on how to go about doing so:

"Determining Kinship

"Determining the names and relationships between relatives is imperative to your genealogy research. All family relationships break down into ties between immediate relatives: parents, spouses, siblings and children. A mother-in-law is the mother of a spouse. A second cousin is the child of a child of a sibling of a parent of a parent of someone. So it's those ties we focus on, either on the maternal (mother's) or paternal (father's) side.

"Where can you find evidence of kinship? The most common sources in US research for identifying relatives are:

federal censuses after 1850, and some state censuses;
government birth records, including delayed birth records;
applications for marriage licenses, bonds or marriage records;
government death records, including SS-5 applications (Social Security applications);
newspaper announcements of births, marriages and deaths/funerals (obituaries);
church records of birth, baptism, circumcision, confirmation, marriage, death, funeral and burial;
funeral home and cemetery plot records;
tombstones;
family bibles and other family documents;
wills and probate packets;
deeds (look for transfers that are not the result of a market-price sale);
pension applications, payment vouchers, bounty land applications and other paperwork relating to military retirement.

"What information may be found in these? It's highly variable. But all have been known to name parents, children, siblings and other kin, with the relationships between them clearly stated. Good luck in your search!"

OBITUARIES

Jesse S. Barnes Camp Journal

Contributed by Marion W. Moore

WILLIAM S. ANDERSON

The Wilson Daily Times, July 2, 1927

DR. W. S. ANDERSON

Dr. W. S. Anderson, one of the oldest residents of Wilson County and a prominent citizen and beloved by every one departed this life last evening at 8:45 and the funeral will be conducted this afternoon at five o'clock from the Methodist church of which he has been a devoted member from early childhood, by his pastor Rev. E. W. McWhorter.

Dr. Anderson was well advanced in years having rounded out 82 of an existence that has meant much to this section, for his splendid qualities of head and heart, together with his skill and ability as a physician, brought him in contact with a large part of our population especially in his earlier days when the town and county were not so thickly settled as they are today.

Later on he slowed down in his general practice and became a specialist achieving considerable reputation in the treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

Of Dr. Anderson it could be truly said that he was one of nature's noblemen. He was generous, kind and charitable in his dealings with his fellowmen, and thus inspired their confidence and won their love. He held a number of public offices during his life and was county physician for several years.

The deceased is survived by his third wife who was Miss Belle Banks of Petersburg, Va., and five sons, Dr. Paul Anderson of Richmond, Va., Dr. W. H. Anderson, and Messrs. S. W. Anderson, Jesse S. Anderson and James B. Anderson of Wilson.

He is also a brother of Dr. Albert Anderson and Charles H. Anderson of Raleigh. Dr. Anderson has been married three times. His first wife was Miss Jennie Woodard, of Wilson County, who died about 30 years ago. Three children of this union survive, Dr. Paul Anderson, of the Westbrook Sanatorium at Richmond, Va.; Dr. Wade Anderson and S. W. Anderson, both of Wilson. The second wife was Mrs. Mary Jane Whitehead, who died about a year after her marriage to Dr. Anderson. Dr. Anderson's third wife was Miss Belle Banks, of Petersburg, Va., who survive together with two sons, Jesse Anderson and James Anderson, both of Wilson.

He was also the father of Lt. Robert B. Anderson who was killed during the late war and for whom the local post of the American Legion is named.

The active pall bearers were Messrs. Thomas H. Woodard, Dr. Eric Bell, Allie Corbett, John Hackney, Harvey S. McNair, Marvin Edmundson.
The Honorary pall bearers were Messrs. E. A. Darden, Dr. J. R. Edmundson, Henry B. Lane, Jimmie Vick, Casper Smith, W. W. Graves, Dr. P. P. Lane, L. V. Grady, M. A. Pittman, George Mitchell, A. F. Williams, Graham Woodard, R. P. Watson, A. B. Carroll, J. E. Crute, W. W. Simms, J. A. Corbett, George L. Morgan, H. G. Connor, George W. Connor, R. E. Hagan, R. C. Welfare, W. A. Finch, J. S. Woodard, W. J. Davis, J. T. Cheatham, Lucien Hadley, H. S. Hilley, Graham Winstead, Hawkins Tyson, O. W. Kochtistzky, W. D. P. Sharp, George Hackney, W. A. Peacock, A. T. Harper, Charles Harper, Dr. Ben Herring, Dr. Chas. A. Woodard, Dr. Henry Best, Dr. E. L. Strickland.

The ladies having charge of the flowers were as follows: Mrs. J. R. Edmundson, Mrs. H. Moseley Hussey, Mrs. William Hussey, Miss Ida Robbins, Miss Francis Wells, Mrs. S. J. Borden and Mr. [sic.] J. E. Crute.

W. S. Harris, W. M. Farmer and Turner Sugg.

[Editor's note: The obituary is typed as the original. The last paragraph was only the three names. The clipping from The Daily Times was headed with the date July 2, 1927; however, the grave marker in Maplewood Cemetery records his birth and death dates as 01 January 1845 and 04 July 1927. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV*, compiled by Joan L. Howell. The Jesse S. Barnes Camp Journal listed W. S. Anderson as having been in Company H, 31st Regiment, N. C. S. T.]

JOHN T. BASS

Mr. J. T. Bass

Mr. J. T. Bass a brave Confederate veteran and a resident of Saratoga township departed this life at 10:30 this morning in the 83rd year of his age. He leaves two children Mr. J. W. Bass and Mrs. W. B. Owens both of Saratoga. The funeral will be conducted tomorrow afternoon from the residence at two o'clock by Elder Denny of this city and the interment will be made in Eagles cemetery.

The deceased was very active when young man, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He served during the civil war with heroism. His illness was caused by a stroke of appoplexy on Monday from which he never recovered.

[Editor's note: This newspaper clipping was attached to the journal, and the notation Dec. 18, 1925, was added to the top. There is no indication which newspaper carried the obituary.

The Jesse S. Barnes Camp roster listed John T. Bass as a member and recorded him as having served in Company A, 36th North Carolina Regiment.

Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900, abstracted by Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe recorded the Saratoga Township household of John T. Bass, farmer, born May 1847, married 24 years to Emma L., born April 1845, mother of two; son John, born October 1881, and aunt Sally Lindsy, born May 1839.

John T. Bass, age 30, married Emma E. Smith, age 25, on April 2, 1876. Their marriage was performed by T. R. Eagles, J. P., and the witnesses were B. M. Owens, Jas. Baker and Blake Baker. Leona Bass, age 19, married W. D. Owens, age 23, on December 22, 1897, at the home of John T.

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Bass in Saratoga. The marriage was performed by T. R. Eagles, J. P., and the witnesses were J. R. Eagles, L. D. Eagles, and B. N. Owens. *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899*, compiled by J. Robert Boykin, III.

In the 1900 Wilson County census, Walter Owens, born January 1874, farmer, lived in Saratoga Township with his wife of two years, Leona, born May 1878, and their daughter Vilma, born April 1898. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* abstracted by Joan L. Howell.]

HENRY MAY WARREN
RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God in His inscrutible will and divine purpose, has seen fit to remove from time, to eternity and to call from labor here to rest above in heaven, our late commander of Jesse S. Barnes Camp Confederate Veterans, Captain Henry May Warren, who was born March 4, 1836, enlisted in the war April 17th, 1861, as private in Company F, Fourth North Carolina Infantry, and who departed this life February 27, 1906, aged 69 years 11 months and 25 days. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Captain Warren, one of the truest and bravest veterans of the dear "lost cause" has crossed over the river, and is now at rest. That on the field of battle he exhibited that unflinching courage and sublime heroism which gave to the name of Confederate soldier that glory of immortality that will never fade from the pages of history.

Resolved 2. That he was affable, brave, courteous, honest, high-minded and staightforward, and wore at all times the pure white flower of a blameless life, and a spotless reputation.

Resolved 3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased as a token of tenderest sympathies in this dark day of bereavement, and that a page be set apart in the records of the camp containing these resolutions, and the city papers and Confederate Veterans published at Nashville, Tenn., requested to publish the same.

JNO. C. HADLEY,
JAS. H. MARSHBURN,
E. M. PACE,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.
WARREN.

On March the 4th, 1836 the subject of this sketch H. M. Warren was born in Mannings Township N. C. and while quite a young school boy he volunteered into the Civil War, where he was honored by being made first lieutenant of his Company and later promoted to Captain.

If at anytime proof should be needed to show his conduct during the whole four years spent in the Civil War, his record can easily be found to rank and show him to be among the bravest and truest men who fought in defense of their homes, families and property, and when he returned home leaving hundreds of his comrades on the battle field and seeing home destroyed and property nearly all gone he, like the bravest of the brave, began life anew.

In the spring of 1865 he gave his heart to Christ and joined Peachtree Baptist Church and was a faithful and devoted member for more than forty years.

Sometime during the year 1865 he was initiated passed and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Central Cross Lodge No. 187, A. F. & A. M. and to say he loved Masonry would not be putting it strong enough, for forty years he was a faithful and devoted member of the brotherhood of Masons.

Sometime during January 1894 he withdrew from his Lodge and became one of the charter members of Spring Hope Lodge No. 481, A. F. & A. M., where his membership was at the time of his death. For a number of years he lived in Wilson, N. C. where he made scores of friends.

On Tuesday morning about nine o'clock Feb. the 27th 1906 the Supreme Architect of the Universe issued a legal summons for Brother Warren and called him from earth to heaven. Brother Warren was buried in Wilson N. C. with Masonic honors. He was a devoted husband, a kind a [and] loving father, and dealing with his fellows He was always honest. Surely a noble character has passed away, the fruit of his labor and his love for Masonry cannot be estimated in this world, and we look forward to that bright morning when we will meet him when the good Lord comes to make up his jewels.

Now since we have performed the last sad rites of the Order which he so much loved and desiring to have the minutes of this Lodge show that he lived faithfully and died trustingly, therefore, be it resolved,

1st, That while we drop the tear of love and kindness over the grave of our departed brother yet as we leave him in the bosom of old mother earth we rejoice in the fact that his body will be raised and dwell forever in that clime where there is no pain, no sorrow and no death.

2nd, That we offer our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved widow and children of our deceased brother, and will earnestly petition the God of the widow and the fatherless to be with them in their sore and sad afflictions.

3rd, That we will keep before us the fact that his life was worthy of imitation.

4th, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of the deceased brother and a copy be sent for publication to the Orphans' Friend at Oxford, N. C.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
Alfred Wheless, Jr.,
B. W. Upchurch,
J. T. Fulford,
Committee.

[Editor's note: Henry Mae Warren and his wife, Annie J. Edwards, b. 14 MAY 1841, d. 05 JUL 1884, were buried in Maplewood Cemetery. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Vol. IV*]

U.S. FREEDMEN'S BANK RECORDS, 1865-1874
[Abstracted from Ancestry.com]

NAME	BIRTH YR.	BIRTHPLACE	APPLICATION DATE	BANK BRANCH	DETAILS
Barden, Henry	1838	Wilson Co., NC	8/11/1873	New Bern	#3748. Born and brought up in Wilson County NC. Resides New Bern. Age 35. Black complexion. Shingle-getter for Rhoden Bros., Martin County. Father: Harry farmer, deceased. Mother: Dortchy Farmer, deceased. Siblings: Nathan Elmonton, James Farmer, Mistus Bullock (gone to Texas.) Signed with an X.
Barden, Jeremiah	1843	Wilson Co., NC	9/20/1871	New Bern	#2318. Born and brought up in Wilson County NC. Resides Dawson's Creek, Craven County NC. Age 28. Dark brown complexion. Self-employed farmer. Wife: Mary Ann Mumford, married 4 years. Daughters: Christiana and Maria. Father: Washington Semmes, dead. Mother: Axie Simms, last in Wilson County. Brothers: Henry B., Joseph, Samuel. Sisters: Ferrabee (married to Jackson Barnes), Gatesby Semmes, Maria (married to Moses Coley), Jane (married to Amos Daniels), Waiting (married to William Nelson), Mary, Della. Signed with an X.
Barden, Jerry	1842	Black Creek, Wilson Co., NC	12/15/1869	New Bern	#1394. Born and brought up in Black Creek, Wilson County NC. Resides up the Trent River in Jones County NC. Age 27. Brown complexion. Self-employed farming on Col. Whitford's land. Wife: Mary Mumford, married 7/4/1868. Daughter: Christiana, b. 1/2/1869. Father: Washington Simms, living in Wilson County. Mother: Axsie Simms. Brothers: Henry B., age 28, the oldest; Joseph, Samuel, and Axsom (deceased.) Sisters: Ferrabee, Gatsey, Maria, Winnie, Harriet (deceased.) Signed his name.
Barnes, John	1856	Wilson Co., NC	6/14/1873	Beaufort or Charleston SC??	#6067. Resides Broad Street near Market. Age 17 in October. Works at tobacco factory. Father: never been told. Mother: Nancy Barnes, deceased. Siblings Alfred & Lizzie, deceased. Grandmother Spicy Barnes; uncle Gray Barnes, deceased. "Been here 7 months. Grandmother lives at Wilson town, Wilson Co., NC." Signed name (barely legible.)
Bess, Aaron	1807	Greene Co., NC	3/16/1872	New Bern	#2738. Born and brought up in Greene County NC. Resides at Widow Bess' place in Greene County. Age 65 last Oct. Black complexion. Farming for Heywood Bess. Wife: Evelina, married 26 years. Children: Orpheus, Harper, Jane, Mary (deceased), Argent, Cherry, Alice, Nancy, Samuel Lincoln, Hattie, Hope. Father: Abel Edwards, deceased. Mother: Argent Edwards, lives in Wilson County. Siblings: Richard, Margaret, Harriet, Gracie, Justina. Signed with an X.
Best, Clara	1813	Stantonsburg, Wilson Co., NC	6/4/1873	New Bern	#3600. Born at Stantonsburg, brought up in Greene County NC. Resides Snow Hill NC. Age 60. Black complexion. Housework. Husband: Daniel Best, died "first Spring that the Yankees came." Children: Mary (deceased), Cynthia, William, Jourdan, Ransom (deceased), Martha, Philip, Nancy, Ivory, Tony (died as a soldier), Jinie, Clara, and two not named. Father: Isaac Best, deceased. Mother: Sylvia. Siblings: Isaac, Nathan (deceased), Rose Ann, Patience, Isaiah and David. Signed with an X.

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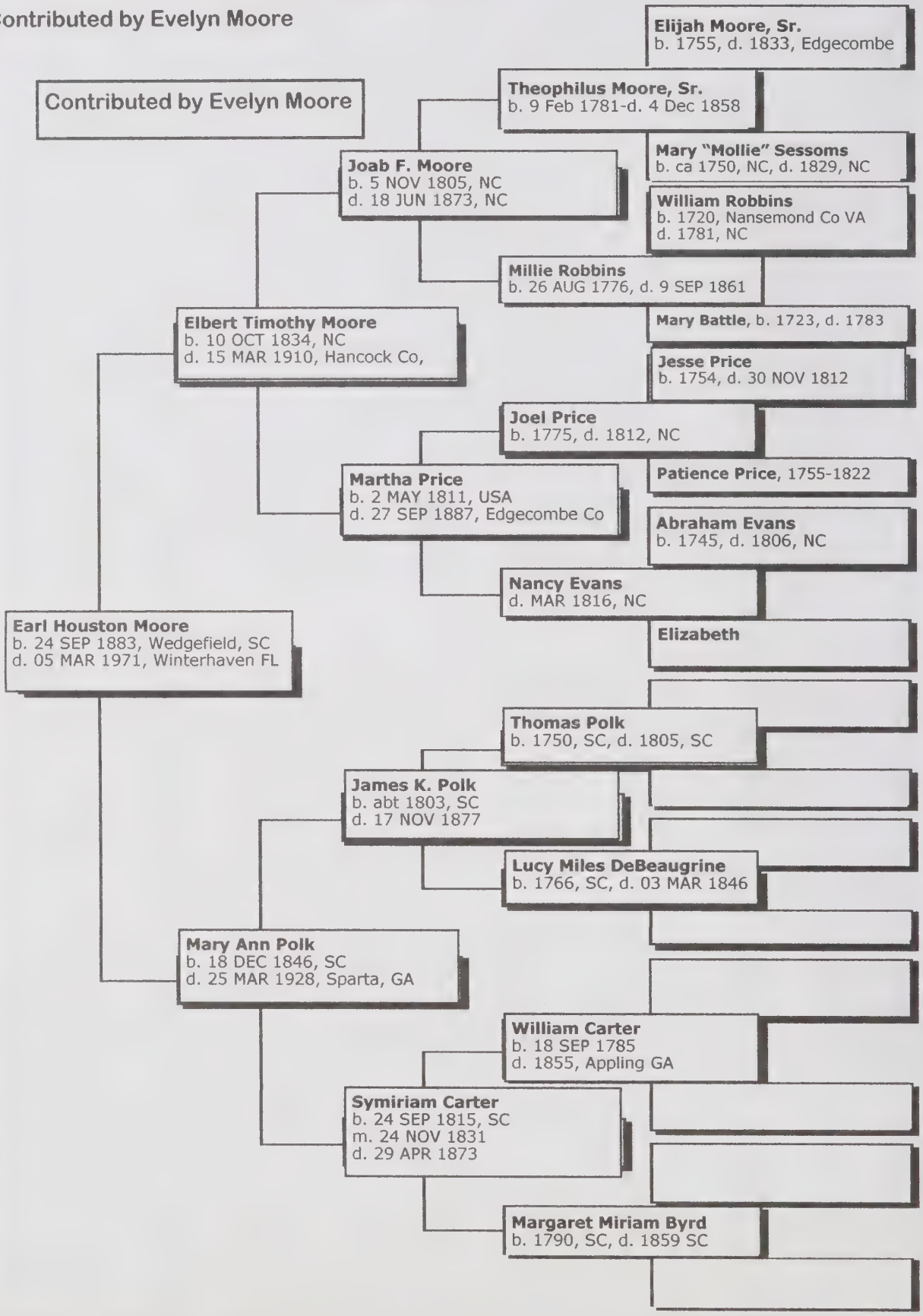
[Abstracted from Ancestry.com]

Edmonson, Solomon	1856	Greene Co., NC	2/11/1870	New Bern	#1489. Born in Greene County NC, brought up in Wilson County NC. Resides on Craven Street. Age 24. Black complexion. Waiting man at the post office for George W. Nason Jr. "I ran away and came to New Bern during the war." Mother: Celia Edmonson. Brothers: Jack, last living at Goldsboro; Caleb, Daniel, Mike, Gerry, Irving. Sisters: Rose, Greene County; Amy, Celia, Jusy. Signed with an X.
Holmes, Hamilton	1822	New Bern NC	5/27/1872	New Bern	#2879. Born and brought up in New Bern. Resides Fort Point, Craven County NC. Age 50. Dark brown complexion. Cook, Gaston House, New Bern. Wife: Charlotte Cutter, married long before the war. No children. Father: John Holmes, up North. Siblings: William, John, Tempe (married to Wm. Smith, living at Wilson NC.) Signed with an X.
Mitchell, Lizzie	1848	Wilson Co., NC	3/24/1873	New Bern	#3462. Born and brought up in Wilson County NC. Resides West Street. Age 25. Brown complexion. "Work out." Husband: Elias Mitchell. No children. Father: Bryant Beaman, deceased. Mother: Rachel Beaman. Siblings John and Dora, both dead. Signed with an X.
Nelson, J.H.	1852	Wilson Co., NC	5/10/1873	Wilmington	#6922. Born and brought up in Wilson NC. Resides 11th & Chestnut Streets. Dark complexion. Drayman. Parents John & Lucy deceased. Signed name.
Pope, Farebay	1832	Wilson Co., NC	5/23/1872	New Bern	#2768. Born and brought up in Wilson County NC. Resides 16 miles from Wilson. Age 40. Brown complexion. Tall. Farmer, works for Jonathan Ellis. Husband Nathan "dead – was a soldier." Never had any children. Father: Robert Lang (white), deceased. Mother: Cherry Rogers, living in Wilson County. Sister: Harriet (husband, Robert Barnes). ½ siblings: Gatsey Lang, Rose Rogers, Nancy Lang, Aneky Lang, Deamy Rogers, Henry Rogers, Richard Rogers. "Nathan Sanders is my agent to draw money for me." Signed with X.
Roundtree, Peter, Sr.	1826	Wilson Co., NC	8/1/1873	Wilmington	#7170. Born and brought up in Wilson NC. Resides on corner of Campbell between 3rd & 4th Streets. Age 47. Black complexion. Wife: Lucinda. Children: Peter and Sarah. Father: Harriss, deceased. Mother: Miley, deceased. Brother: David. Signed his name.
Shellington, Daniel	1841	Wilson Co., NC	2/4/1870	New Bern	#1481. Born in Wilson. Brought up there and on Pungo River 32 miles from Washington. Resides Pollock Street. Age 29. Black complexion. Miller for Wade & Howard. Wife: Ann Maria, married 6 years. Children: Cora, 8; Isabella, 2 mos.; 2 dead, not named. Father: Lewis Cooper, dead 4 months; mother: Milly Cherry, works at Mayor Berry's; brothers: John; Harvey, deceased; ½ brothers: Henry, "don't know the others"; sister: Maria, married to Eborn L. Stanly, James City. Signed with an X.

ANCESTORS OF EARL HOUSTON MOORE

Contributed by Evelyn Moore



WCGS JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2015, 7 PM

The Wilson County Genealogical Society met in the Genealogy Room of the Wilson County Public Library. Joan Howell, president, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. The February meeting will be held in the Genealogy Room with a return to the usual meeting place, the assembly room, in March. No treasury report was available. Howell reminded that it is time to pay dues for the coming year and to look for announcements in Trees for upcoming events and items of interest.

Sue Powell told the group about her recent visit to the NC Baseball Museum in Wilson where she found a relative in an exhibit of major league baseball players from N. C. It was made mention that some might enjoy the new PBS series, The Genealogy Roadshow. Will Robinson advised the group of a new purchase for the Genealogy Room, *Family Tree Magazine*. Powell gave the group an update on books purchased for the Genealogy Room. Howell gave the group an update on her work with on Barnes family. She got started back in 1952 and is still working on the line. There was no old or new business.

Howell introduced the speaker for the evening. Donald Hawley is a member of the Barnes Pender Heritage Corp, Inc. He spoke to the group about the Wilson Confederate Military Hospital No. 2 Museum. The museum, located at 401 Goldsboro St. in Wilson, NC, is currently under renovation. The museum has been added to the NC Civil War Trails program. There is a plaque in front of the museum indicating its inclusion in the program and a brief history of the Wilson Confederate Hospital. The NC Civil Wars Trails program is part of a five state trails system that invites one to explore both well-known and less familiar sites associated with one of the greatest events in American history. Hawley passed out NC Civil War Trails brochures and a brief history of the Wilson Confederate Hospital. There was a slide presentation that illuminated the history of the Hospital, the effort to save the remaining part of the hospital, how it got to its present location, and the ongoing effort to establish a museum.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Webb, secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **It is time to pay your dues for 2015** if you have not already done so.

Our treasurer requests that members **send their e-mail addresses with their dues payment.**

- **Deciphering and Preserving Vintage Photos**, a workshop, Saturday, 21 March 2015, N. C. State Archives, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601. Maureen Taylor, The Photo Detective, will present four lectures to help you find clues in your old photos. Archives personnel will also present lunchtime lectures based on collections at the Archives and proper preservation techniques.

More details can be found on the NCGS website. Register online on the NCGS website, or print and mail the registration form.

- The **Edgecombe County Genealogical Society** usually meets at the Edgecombe County Memorial Library, in Tarboro, N. C., at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month.
- The **Greene County Family Researchers** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Greene County Museum in Snow Hill, N. C.
- The **Old Dobbs Genealogical Society** meets at 10:30 am the third Saturday of each calendar quarter, at the Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, N. C.
- The **Tar River Connections Genealogical Society** meets at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except Dec., at the Braswell Memorial Library in Rocky Mount, N. C.
- The **Pitt County Family Researchers** meet at 7:00 pm, third Tuesdays, at Sheppard Memorial Library, 530 Evans St., Greenville, N. C.
- The **Farmville, N. C., Ancestor Seekers** meet 10 am to 12 noon the second Saturday of each month at the Farmville Public Library.

(Joshua Barnes, continued from page 15)

Monday morning, ...

The Mayor of Wilson took appropriate and honorable notice of his death, the Court House bell was tolled and business suspended, while the long procession of carriages, buggies and pedestrians passed to and from the church-house, and in the afternoon of the same day a public meeting was held in the Court House where complimentary resolutions were passed and eulogistic speeches made. ...

R. J. Taylor

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President's Message

Again our February meeting had to be canceled due to winter weather! Many of our members have suffered much worse than those of us here in Wilson County. Hopefully, you all are looking forward to Spring's arrival shortly.

An interesting article appeared in *American Spirit*, March/April 2015 issue, which discussed naming patterns in the Colonial Era. You guessed it ... they chose many names which reflected their values, such as Mercy, Charity, Patience, Faith, and Constance. Names found in the Bible were often used, as well, such as Mary, Elizabeth, John, Thomas, James, and others. They also choose names reflecting their surroundings or their family heritage.

The naming practices varied in different regions. They "often related to the family's religion, ethnicity, regional origin or ... cultural factors."

Then, and even now, family names are used, which sometimes makes determining which of the persons with the same name is the one you are looking for, especially if they happen to have been born around the same time!

Sons were often named for the father's brother, or his father, which can either be a help or be confusing.

When children were given the maiden name of their mother, it gives a clue to their maternal line.

Not only did census takers' spellings of names vary, but the first name may have been used one time, and the person's middle name the next.

We need to keep an open mind and think "outside the box" as we research!

Joan L. Howell

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library Assembly Room, February 24th

Please join us for our meeting on March 31th at the library. Ask at the reception desk for directions.

Our program will be presented by George Haislip who will speak about "Overcoming Adversity in Research." He will share some ways that he has overcome difficulties in his own family research. We have all tried to locate facts that do not seem to exist about our ancestors. George's approaches to his problems will give us ideas that we can use when the facts elude us.

Please mark your calendars for the rest of the 2015 meetings:

April 28: Perry Morrison, Wilson County Historical Association
May 26: TBA
September 29 : TBA
October 27: TBA
November 24: Annual Meeting, Social

DUES FOR 2015 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.

Submit yours now while it is on your mind! If dues are not paid by the end of January, members may not receive any additional issues of Trees of Wilson until they are paid.

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PETITIONS FOR PARDON

Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

State of North Carolina}
Wilson County }

To his Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States,

The petition of James D. Barnes of the County and state aforesaid respectfully showeth unto your Excellency that he is excluded from the general amnesty and pardon by reason of the 13th Section of the Proclamation of the President dated May 29th 1865.

Your petitioner showeth that prior to the rebellion the estimated value of his property (slaves inclusive) was about seventy five thousand dollars, that now he does not know that what is left is worth twenty thousand dollars, not knowing whether his credits will be of any value. His offense hath been in giving aid to the rebellion in contributing to volunteer companies & to the support of soldiers & soldiers families which at the time was much in way of charity. He now promises that henceforth he will in good faith support the constitution of the United States & the Union of the States there under doing all and every thing in his power to restore order & harmony. He therefore prays your Excellency to grant him full & free pardon with a restoration of all the rights and privileges of citizenship.

/s/ Jas. D. Barnes

Sworn to & Subscribed before me the 25th July 1865
G. W. Barden J.P.

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WILSON SCHOOL LIBRARY CIRCULATION RECORD OF SPRING TERM 1899

Contributed by Joan L. Howell

[Editor's notes: Continued from the May 2014 issue of Trees of Wilson. Using the *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900*, by Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe, an attempt has been made to place these students with their families. Some of the names do not appear in the census which may mean that they were boarders or that they were listed in the census with a different first name or they had moved away. In other cases, there were several children with the same name who would have been of the right age, but we did not have enough information to determine which child was the named student.

Additional information came from *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV,* Joan L. Howell; and *The Rise of a Southern Town*, Patrick M. Valentine]

Peel, Agnes—b. Oct. 1885, daughter of Frank T. and Martha Peele
Petway, Ella—may have been Ella M. Petway, b. May 1882, daughter of William A. and Florence Petway, lived in Stantonsburg Township
Pichard, Otis
Piver, Angelo—b. Nov. 1885, son of Joeph B. Piver
Powell, Rosa—b. Nov. 1883, niece of John and Addie Moore
Powell, Thos.
Powers, James—b. Feb. 1885, son of James K. and Emma Powers
Powers, Tom—may have been William T. Powers, b. Oct. 1884, son of James K. and Emma Powers
Price, Hannah—may have been Hanna Price, b. Nov. 1889, listed as daughter of Annie Price
Privett, Hattie—may have been daughter of James and Mason E. Privett, b. Jan. 1885
Privett, Robt.
Purnell, Lizzie
Purnell, Rosa

Quarles, Blanche—b. June 1887, daughter of William A. Quarles
Quarles, Mary—b. Dec. 1888, sister of Blanche

Rawlings, Ned—Edward G. Rawlings, Jr., b. Nov. 1888, son of Edward G. and Sarah D. Rawlings. Edward, Sr., and both his parents were born in Va. Sarah's father was born in Tenn., and her mother was born in N. Y.
Rawls, Horace—b. Feb. 1888, son of Joseph and Ida G. Rawls. Joseph, watch maker, was born in Virginia, but his parents were born in N. C.
Renfrow, Charlie
Robbins, Effie
Robbins, Ida—b. Nov. 1887, niece of Calvin and Branche Brownley with whom she was living.
Roberts, Xi—Ximens B. Roberts, daughter of Ximena B. Briggs and step daughter of Roscoe Briggs.
Rouse, Rubie—b. Oct. 1888, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Rouse. Daniel was a silversmith.
Rowland, Addie

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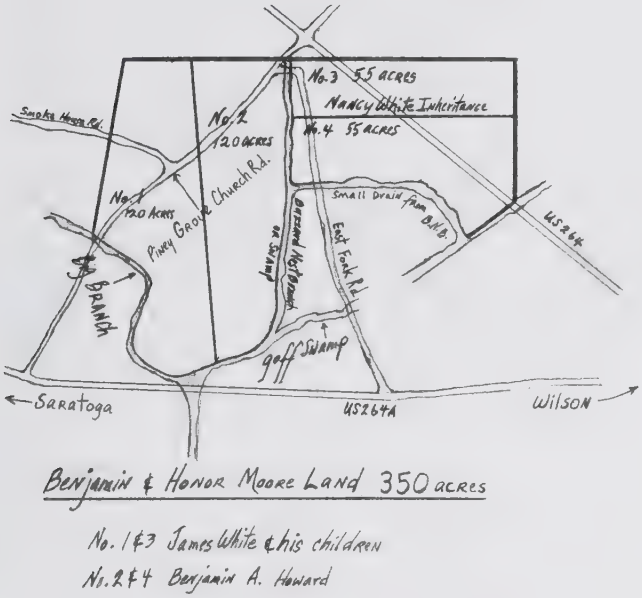
BENJAMIN AND HONOR MOORE LAND

Contributed by Albert R. Page



This map [drawn by Albert Page] is of the Benjamin and Honor Moore property that they willed to their two daughters, Mahala and Catherine. This drawing is a composite of the survey made in the early 1870's and a current map of the Saratoga Township where the land is today.

Just to the north of the Big Branch-Piney Grove Church Road on the east side of the road is where the old Jim White home place used to be. George and Zillie White Page occupied this home place later in time after Jim White died. It might have also been where Benjamin and Honor Moore lived earlier.

The old Moore-White graveyard is just north of the home place in the plowed field.

BENJAMIN AND HONOR WELLS MOORE, JAMES AND MAHALIA MOORE WHITE, GEORGE WASHINGTON PAGE AND ZILLIE ANN WHITE PAGE

Compiled by Sue Evans Powell with assistance from Betty Batchelor and Elizabeth Sparrow

[Editor's note: Benjamin and Honor Moore should have been included in *Wilson County's Founding Families* but were omitted because Honor's name was listed as Annie in the 1860 census abstract. Please add this family record to your book.]

Benjamin Moore, Jr., married Honor Wells. Honor was the daughter of Honor and Matthew Wells and granddaughter of Thomas Wells.

Benj. Moore, Jr., 57, farmer, and Honor, 57, and their daughters Catherine, 14, and Mahala, 11, were listed in the 1850 Edgecombe County census. Both girls had attended school within the year.

Catherine Moore married Robert Holland. Mahaly Moore and James White were issued a license to marry on May 22, 1857, in Wilson County.

In the 1860 Wilson County Census, the three families lived adjacent to one another in Saratoga District. Household 864 was that of James White, 24, working in turpentine; Mahaly, 20; Garry, 1; and Christina, 2 mos. Household 865 was that of Benj Moore, 55, farmer; and Annie/Honor, 57. Household 866 was that of Robt, 33, blacksmith; and Catharine, 24.

Benjamin Moore and wife Honor Wells left their land to their daughters Mahala (husband James White) and Catherine (husband Robert Holland). In December 1869, Catherine sold her portion to Benjamin A. Howard and his wife Milly.

In the 1870 Wilson County census, Honor Moore, 77; and _?_ White, 5, female, lived next to James White, 40, farmer; Mahala, 30; Garry, 11; Jane, 9; and Zillie A., 4.

Apparently, Mahala passed away shortly after the census was taken. On May 30, 1871, James White, son of Garry Simms and Nancy White, married Sarah Skinner, daughter of Gardner and Sally Skinner.

In the 1880 Wilson County census, James White, 53; his wife Sallie, 34; their children Gary, 21; Jane, 17; Nancy, 16; and Zillie A., 13; lived in Saratoga Township. Perhaps Nancy was the White child who was listed with Honor Moore in 1870.

In Sept. 1873, the Wilson County Probate Court was asked to rule on the division of Benjamin Moore's land because Catherine appeared to have sold some of Mahala's land. The tract of land was described as "adjoining the lands of James R. Barnes on the south, the tract of land known as the Hilliard Owens tract on the west, John Thigpen's land on the North, and the Hocott tract of land on the east, containing three hundred and fifty acres."

George Page, 25, married Zilla White, 20, on Jan. 6, 1886, at the home of James White.

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George Washington Page and Zillie Ann White Page. Contributed by Albert R. Page

BALAAM BULLOCK OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NC, WAS THE SON OF DAVID 'DAVIE' BULLOCK, NOT DREWRY BULLOCK

Contributed by Perrah Yarborough

Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., was a prodigious researcher and family historian who compiled a vast store of genealogical material concerning many Eastern North Carolina families. His genealogy column, called "Looking Backward," appeared on a regular basis in the *Rocky Mount Evening Telegram* during the 1950s and 60s. One of his articles dated September 7, 1959, contained an oversight which has resulted in confusion about the true origins of Balaam Bullock of Edgecombe County, N. C. who died in 1822.

Mr. Johnston's article stated that Balaam Bullock of Edgecombe County was the son of Drewry/Drury Bullock of Pitt County, N. C. However, he overlooked evidence that another Balaam Bullock was living in Pitt County during the same period of time, and indeed, it was this Balaam Bullock of Pitt who was the son of Drewry Bullock. These facts are borne out by numerous deeds, estate records, and Y-DNA evidence which prove that Balaam Bullock of Edgecombe County was actually the son of David 'Davie' Bullock, Jr., of Edgecombe County and not the son of Drewry Bullock of Pitt County.

Over the years, this error has migrated via print and internet into many Bullock family trees, demonstrating once again "the immortality of genealogical misstatements." The purpose of this article is to clarify the identity of Balaam Bullock of Edgecombe County so that his descendants may correct the record regarding his true origins.

Balaam Bullock, son of David 'Davie/Davee' Bullock, Jr., was probably born in the mid 1780s. Balaam appears in Edgecombe County records and deeds ten times between 1803 and 1820, witnessing transactions associated with his Bullock and Killebrew relatives. When the 1810 federal census was taken, Balaam was living in Edgecombe with two young sons and a wife. By the time of the 1820 census, Balaam, still living in Edgecombe, had three sons and one daughter; however, his wife was not listed, having presumably died prior to this time. Balaam soon followed her, dying in 1822. Inventory of his estate was filed in Edgecombe County Court in February 1823 by his brother, Whitmell K. Bullock. Balaam's father Davie and his brothers, Orren, William G., Whitmell, and Joshua, purchased the residue of Balaam's estate. In February 1828, Balaam's brother Whitmell was appointed guardian of the four surviving children, Bennett, Blount, David, and Mary. "Davee" Bullock then conveyed 140 acres to these four children in a deed dated 1829, naming them as the "heirs of Balum Bullock." Two years later in December 1831, 'Davie' gave the children "one Negro man named Dick." This time he specifically identified them as "my beloved grandchildren – children of my son Balam dec'd - namely Bennett, Blount, David, and Polly Bracewell...." (See Edgecombe County, N. C., Deed Book 19, page 498 and Deed Book 20, page 283.)

During this same period, there was another Balaam Bullock living in Pitt County, N. C. This Balaam made his first appearance as head of household in the federal census of 1830, eight years after the death of Balaam Bullock of Edgecombe County. (See 1830 census, "Balam Bullock," age 30 to 40, with wife and two boys and two girls under 15, Stanvils, Pitt County, N. C., living next door to his brother, Drewry Bullock.) Further evidence of this Balaam Bullock's presence can be found in Pitt County deeds dated 1815, 1816, and 1819. (See Pitt County Deed Book T, page 136, and 221, and Book BB, page 449.) In each of these three transactions, Balaam Bullock of Pitt County was the grantee and is identified as the son of Drury Bullock, deceased.

It is important to note that neither Balaam of Edgecombe nor Balaam of Pitt were ever named in the federal census at the same time. Indeed, this may account for Mr. Johnston's mistake, causing him to inadvertently merge the two separate Balaam Bullocks into one. It is also possible he never saw the 1830 Pitt County census record for "Balam" Bullock, or perhaps he overlooked the Edgecombe County deeds from 1829 and 1831 that identified Balaam Bullock of Edgecombe as the son of Davie Bullock. (Edgecombe Co. Deed Books 19-498, and 20-283.) After all, his oversight is understandable considering that doing genealogical research in the 1950s was a challenging endeavor, requiring page by page searching without the shortcuts and computerized aids we now take for granted.

To further verify the matter, a proven descendant of Balaam Bullock of Edgecombe County did genetic testing in October 2008. As expected, his Y-DNA results did not match the genetic markers of proven descendants of Drewry/Drury Bullock of Pitt County. Instead, his results matched an entirely unrelated bloodline of Bullocks whose colonial origins were in New Kent County, Virginia. (See link for Bullock Y-DNA results below.) Thus, the Y-DNA evidence totally supported the records found in Edgecombe County (cited above) which identified Balaam Bullock, who died in 1822, as the son of Davie Bullock. (David Bullock, Jr., aka Davie, was the son of David Bullock (Sr.) who wrote his will in Edgecombe County in 1774.)

Three children of Balaam Bullock of Edgecombe County - David, Blount, and Mary 'Polly' (wife of Willie Braswell) - eventually left North Carolina and moved west to Arkansas. However, Balaam's son, Bennett, stayed in Edgecombe County and married Martha Barnes in 1832. Martha was the daughter of Joseph Barnes and the granddaughter of Dempsey Barnes, both from Edgecombe County. But unfortunately, like his father Balaam, Bennett Bullock died young in 1836. At the time of his death, Bennett had one son, two year old William Junius Bullock, and his wife Martha was pregnant, giving birth in August to their second son, Bennett

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Bennett Bullock Jr. and wife Harriett Boykin of Wilson County, NC circa 1900. Bennett was the grandson of Balaam Bullock of Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Courtesy of Floyd 'Phil' Loftin Jr.

Bullock, Jr. She received her widow's dower from the Edgecombe County Court in December 1836, and in 1839 married Josie Peel(l)e. They settled nearby in Nash County where Martha eventually had four more children with Mr. Peele: Primea, Jesse, Sarah, and Stephen.

The author is a direct descendant of Bennett Bullock, Jr., who died in Wilson County, N. C., in 1909. Bennett had seven children that lived to adulthood. He was a successful farmer, Confederate veteran, and Primitive Baptist minister.

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WILLIAM D. LUCAS

Hugh B. Johnston Files

William Daniel Lucas, son of William and Eveline Lucas, was born in 1845 a little west of Lucama, in what is now Wilson County. At the age of seventeen he ran away from home and joined Company H, 59th North Carolina (Cavalry) Regiment, C. S. A. Just before the Battle of Culpepper Court House, according to family tradition, the Colonel sent him home to North Carolina for a horse. He happened to arrive back at his Company just as the battle was getting underway. (This was probably about June 9, 1863.)

"The horse, used to the quietness of farm land, became greatly frightened by the loud noise and confusion of the firing. As he approached the enemy line, the horse began to run frantically and got completely out of control. The horse ran all the way through the Yankee line, circled back around, and was between the Yankee and Confederate lines before the Yankees realized what had happened. The scared William was still on the horse's back as he galloped back toward the Confederate side. Then the Yankees began firing at the horse and its rider, but they both reached the Confederate line safely."

The Colonel reputedly offered William a promotion, but the latter declined with the modest statement, "I ain't got no education."

[Editor's notes: William D. Lucas, private, enlisted in Wilson County, Dec. 18, 1862. He was assigned to Company H, 59th Regiment (4th Regiment, N. C. Cavalry). He was captured at Middleburg, Va., June 19, 1863, and confined at Old Capitol Prison, Washington, D. C., until paroled and exchanged at City Point, Va., June 30, 1863. He was present or accounted for through September 1864.

William D. was one of twelve children of William and Exelene (Axey) Lamm Lucas. W. D.'s father Willliam was the son of Daniel and Mary Lucas. Willliam (the father) b. 1806, d. before 1880, married Exeline about 1833. Their children were Daniel Henry, Elias, Eveline, Sallie, David Bunyan, Mary, Christopher Columbus, Pernettie, William Daniel, Council, Henry, and Arcada (Ava).

In the 1860 Wilson County Census, the family was listed in Black Creek District: William, 54, farm laborer; Exaline, 47; Sallie, 20, farm laborer; Daniel, 15; Evaline, 13; Christopher, 10; Elias, 7; and Pernettie, 1.

William D. married Elizabeth Catherine "Kate" Jackson Dec. 24, 1867, in Wilson County. Kate, b. Nov. 28, 1845, was the daughter of William Jackson and wife Mary Frances Ford. In 1870, Daniel Lucas, 24, farm laborer; Kate, 24; and Robert,2; lived in Black Creek Township.

North Carolina Troops: A Roster, Vol. II, Louis H. Manarin; https://familysearch.org; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1860*, Joan L. Howell; *Wilson County's Founding Families,* Sue Evans Powell and Henry Powell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1870,* Joan L. Howell]

OBITUARIES

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

SARAH P. BALANCE

ZION'S LANDMARK, July 1, 1891

Brother Gold, Please publish the obituary of Sister Sarah P. Balance. She was the daughter of William Hooks and was born in Wayne county, N. C. Sep, 26, 1859, and departed this life June 8, 1890. She was received in full fellowship with the church at Aycock's the fourth Saturday in May 1889, and baptized the following day by brother William Woodard. She never was blessed with health so as to be able to attend any of the meetings from the time she joined the church until death. She bore her affliction and sickness with the highest degree of christian fortitude, and I think died in a proper state of mind. I believe her name was recorded in the Lamb's book of life. This pure hearted sister ... leaves a husband and two children, several brothers and sisters, and a host of other relations and friends to mourn her loss. ... Her conversation continued to manifest a good hope through grace to the end. She was firm in her conviction and belief in the doctrine of Salvation by grace, and of the Sovereginty of God who works all things after the council of his own will. Jesus was to her the refuge of her soul, and her only theme. As her strength of body grew weaker her faith in Jesus grew stronger. Day by day her desire was to talk of Salvation in Jesus. Her funeral was preached at her home in Fremont by Elders William Woodard and J. T. Edgerton, after which her remains were interred in the family grave yard, followed by relatives and friends. Thus ended the life of a noble christian mother, wife and friend. May God in his goodness bless and sustain her husband and two children in this sad bereavement. ...

THOMAS CLARK.

SALLIE BARFIELD

Newspaper not identified

Contributed by Sue Evans Powell

With a sad heart and sorrowful eyes I write this tribute of respect to the memory of my dear aged grandmother, Sallie Barfield, who departed this life March 23, 1899. Grandmother was nearly 87 years old when the monster death came. She joined the church at Grimsley, Greene Co., about 35 years ago and lived a consistent member until death. Her afflictions were so great that she did not attend church in about 18 years. I often heard her speak of the dear brothers and sisters at Grimsley church. She had been confined to her bed nearly all the time for eight years. She had been blind for two years. She leaves four children, three daughters and one son, twenty-one grand children and forty great grand children to mourn. We hope our loss is her eternal gain. She trusted in the Lord, and I believe her sufferings are all over. She is gone to the grave to await the resurrection morn, when Jesus will come to judge both saint and sinner; we believe she will come forth from her dusty bed and be taken home to dwell in heaven above, and Jesus will give her a crown of glory and a palm of victory; so death has gained but little. Be consoled ye weeping ones, grandmother has fallen but she will arise. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. But for the goodness of God there would be no hope for any of us. Oh God I love thee and thy truth. Thou hast broken the power of death and placed away its sting.

Her funeral services were conducted by Elder Alonzo Tyson, in the presence of sympathizing friends and relatives, after which her remains were carried to the family graveyard and there stored away beneath the cold icy clods to await the coming of Jesus. May the light of her Christian life live in the hearts of her children and friends till they all come to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. Then well might the poet sing,

[poetry omitted]

Written by her grand-daughter,
Nanie McKeel

COFFIELD BARNES

The Wilson Daily Times, December, 11, 1917

Death of Mr. Coffield Barnes.

The death of Mr. Coffield Barnes occurred at 11:30 this morning at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. H. Forbes, in Gardner's township, following several years of poor health and during the past four years he has been quite an invalid. Mr. Barnes for the past two years has been almost totally unconscious. He was stricken with paralysis and has suffered a number of strokes since the first one four years ago.

The deceased was 67 years of age. Prior to his inability to get around, he led a very active life. He was a staunch democrat and through all the days that tried the souls of men he was true to the standard and a pillar of the party in his township. He numbered his friends the county over, and while his death relieves him from suffering it brings sad recollections to friends, who knew him affectionately as "Cofe Barnes," the old reliable who could always be depended on to look after the interests of the party in his section.

He was never married, but leaves several brothers and sisters, as follows: Mrs. J. H. Forbes, Mrs. W. T. Harrison of Goldsboro, R. E. Barnes and Ben S. Barnes of Florida, and Mr. Billie Barnes of Wilbanks.

The funeral will occur tomorrow at 10 o'clock at the old home place in Gardner's township.

JNO. T. BATTS

The Wilson Daily Times, April 23, 1917

J. T. Batts.

The death of Mr. J. T. Batts, which occurred yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, came as a shock to his friends and relatives, as he was apparently in good health. Mr. Batts was standing by his well when he died.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Jesse S. Barnes Camp Journal
Contributed by Marion W. Moore

JOHN I. GAY
TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

It has pleased Almighty God, in his wise wisdom to remove by death our late comrade, John I. Gay, of Jesse S. Barnes Camp, No. 1264, who enlisted as a private and served with conspicuous gallantry during the war in Company H, 11th [16th] N. C. Batallion Cavalry, and who departed this life on the morning of March 19, 1906, aged 74 years, 3 months and 12 days. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death this camp feels his loss, and during the troublesome times of '61 to '65 displayed not only the qualities that endeared him to his fellow companions for his liberality, for he had nothing but what he was willing to share with members of his company.

Resolved 2. When, and wherever duty called he was always ready. He was a brave soldier, and won the esteem and confidence of his superior officers.

Resolved 3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family as a token of our regard, and that a page be set apart in the records of the camp containing these resolutions, and that the city papers be requested to publish the same.

FRANK W. BARNES,

JOHN R. MOORE
Resolutions of Respect.

At a meeting of the Jesse S. Barnes Camp of Confederate Veterans held on the 15th day of March 1905, the undersigned were appointed a committee to draft resolutions on the death of comrade John R. Moore, who died at his home in this city at 2:45 o'clock this morning in the 62nd year of his age—and at an adjourned meeting of the camp the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted to wit:

Our all wise God, the captain of all the hosts and who knoweth and doeth the best, is constantly calling the old veterans home to the final reveille in the great beyond.

Another one of our comrades, another one of the brave and doubtless cavaliers of the south has passed into peace and will hear no more the clash and no more the dash and feel no more the strife of fraticide war. Our late comrade was a gallant, intrepid, fearless soldier; was adjutant of the 7th [16th Bat.] Confederate Cavalry; was for the past 15 years clerk of the city of Wilson and in this position as in all others he discharged his duties with utmost fidelity. It can be truly said of him that in public and in private life as a soldier and civilian, as husband and father he was faithful to every trust. Therefore be it resolved.

1st. That in the death of our brother and comrade the Jesse S. Barnes Camp has lost a loyal, faithful member and each one of the camp individually has lost a loyal, steadfast friend.

2nd. That to his bereaved widow and sons, and daughters and other loved ones the camp tenders sincere sympathies and condolence and begs to assure them that as an organization as comrades and as citizens will cherish, honor and revere his memory.

3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family and that a page on the record of the camp be set apart and that they be published in the city papers.

FRANK W. BARNES,
MOSES DEW,
E. M. PACE,
Committee.

Wilson, N. C. March 22, 1905

(Obituaries, continued from page 30)

Elder George Boswell conducted his funeral at the residence this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on the farm of Mr. Wiley Tomlinson, about 6 miles from Wilson. Interment was made in Maplewood Cemetery.

Mr. Batts was 58 years of age and leaves a wife and nine children. He was a brother to the late George W. Batts of this city and was well known here.

[Editor's notes: Jno. T. Batts, born May 26, 1859, died April 20, 1917, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery. Sallie Hales Batts was interred next to him on February 3, 1941 (without a marker). Also buried in the same cemetery plot were Lula Lewis who died October 21, 1918; Allan Rosker "Rossie" Lamm, died or interred August 9, 1941; Mrs. Gladys Batts Lamm, born September 17, 1901, died August 15, 1988; Mrs. Pennie Batts Matthews, born September 18, 1898, died June 19, 1990; and Mrs. Irene Batts Newsome who was interred September 23, 1998, at the age of 86. George W. Batts, born October 8, 1866, died August 29, 1914, was also buried in Maplewood. In 1900, George W. Batts, grocer, born October 1866; and his wife of eleven years Elizabeth C., born August 1868, lived in Wilson Township. Their children Graham W., born September 1893; Lilly M., born April 1896; Mary S., born January 1898; and Catherine L., born September 1899; lived with them. His father David W. Batts, born June 1829, also lived in the household.]

Wilson Advance, January 5, 1893
Excerpts from "Local." column

JANE H. WOOTTEN

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Mrs. Jane H. Wootten.

[Editor's notes: Jane Wootten may have been J. H. Wooten, 54, living with her brother John Hutchinson on Bragg Street in Wilson in 1880. *Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census,* J. Robert Boykin.]

____ GREEN

____ Green, one of the oldest inhabitants of Wilson, departed this life this week.

WEATHER NEWS

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin and Sue Evans Powell

Wilson Daily Times, March 8, 1912

Bad Winter in 1867.

Mr. Alford Baswell who was in to see us today says he remembers that the winter of 1867 was very much like the present and there were heavy rain and sleet storms while during the summer there was much rainfall. A very poor crop was made that year while the year before an extraordinary cotton crop was made, in fact everything produced well.

He says that Elder Sylvester Hassell, a prominent minister of the Primitive Baptist church was baptized the winter of 1867 by his father Elder C. B. Hassell and it was necessary to break the ice which was unusually thick.

Talking with Elder Gold about the crop yield in 1866 and the following year 1867 he informed that the land which had been resting during the War yielded very abundantly and a crop very much like the one during the past year. Prices were good and great preparations were made for a crop in 1867, when almost a failure was recorded and the country was left in bad shape.

We hope this year will not prove like 1867.

The Wilson Advance, January 5, 1893
Excerpt from the "Local" Column

The heaviest snow that has fallen since '76 is now making glad the hearts of all the boys in this section.

The Wilson Advance, January 19, 1893
Excerpts from "Local" Column

Fine sport now skating at Toisnot Swamp.

"Oh! My, how nice—
To skate on the ice;
To slip and slide and jump,
But it makes you feel glum
To lose your equildrum [sic.]
And come down with a terrible bump."

Carpenters and brick masons, and in fact all outdoor workmen are having a hard time of it. All work has been suspended in these branches for nearly a month.

Excerpts from "Leaf Tobacco" Column

The Tobacco Warehouses look lonesome this cold spell, and the proprietors long for a change in the weather. ...

The lumber for the new Tobacco Warehouse is being hauled, and as soon as "the clouds roll by," work will begin. It will be ready for occupancy by the middle of July. Success to the enterprise. ...

"Now is the winter of our discontent," yes discontent simple and pure, but it is made glorious by the thought of the coming summer when we shall eagerly hope for a fine crop of Tobacco. If there is any truth in the old saying, "a hard winter brings good crops," we shall have it this year. ...

Excerpt from "State News" Column

The weather continues the coldest for years, with ice 6 or 7 inches thick. But little is doing in the tobacco market and trade of every description is crippled because of inability to travel.

The Wilson Advance, February 23, 1893
Excerpts from "Local" Column

Cold and rain predicted for to day.

Cold and high winds predicted for tomorrow.

Last Sunday was the first fair Sunday without rain or snow for ten weeks.

The Wilson Advance, March 2, 1893
Excerpt from the "Local" Column

Scattering snow flakes last Monday.

The Wilson Advance, March 9, 1893
Excerpts from the "Local" Column

Last Saturday afforded another opportunity for the numerous poets to say something about "the beautiful snow."

There was no full moon in February which happens only about once in twenty years. There will be two full moons this month.

The trees are backward in blooming this spring. So much the better as from present indications we will have more cold weather.

Last Saturday we had all kinds of weather—sunshine, rain, sleet and snow—findily [sic.] winding up in an old fashing [sic.] Kansas "blizzard."

The Wilson Advance, March 23, 1893
Excerpt from the "Local" Column

Very little farm work has been done in this section up to within the past few days on account of the unfavorable weather, but we have heard of some farmers who have prepared their corn land for planting.

The Wilson Advance, March 30, 1893
Excerpts from the "Local" Column

This might very properly be called variegated weather. We have all sorts and it takes a prophet to tell what an hour may bring forth.

A cyclone struck Dunn, N. C. last week, taking the roof off of many buildings. Messrs. C. A. Young & Bros. were among the largest sufferers.

The Wilson Advance, April 13, 1893

Look to the Roads.

The roads are in a fearful condition after our long severe winter. It is the place of the magistrates to see that the road supervisors do their duty and we hope they will see that there is some kind of an effort made to put our roads in some kind of a decent shape. Complaints are coming from every side of the roads leading into Wilson. The proper parties should attend to this matter at once.

The Wilson Advance, April 27, 1893
Excerpt from the "Local " Column

The cold snap has stopped all vegetation. It is to be hoped that warmer weather will soon begin.

33 TYPES OF OLD COUNTY RECORDS TO SEARCH FOR YOUR ANCESTORS

Diane Haddad, Genealogy Insider, Oct. 29, 2014

County courthouses are full of obscure and informative old records about long-ago residents of an area, and sometimes it takes a lot of digging to find them.

Depending on the time and place your ancestor lived, you might find these types of records at his or her county courthouse:

adoption records
bastardy cases
civil records
coroners' files
criminal case files
custody papers
deeds
divorce case files
estate inventories
guardianship papers
indenture contracts
insanity/commitment orders
jury lists
justice of the peace records
licenses
livestock brands and marks
manumissions
marriage bonds, licenses and certificates
military discharges
minute books
mortgages and leases
name changes
naturalizations
oaths of allegiance
permits
prenuptial agreements
probate files
property foreclosures
registers of births or deaths
tax records
voter registrations
wills
wolf-scalp bounties

If you can't go to the courthouse yourself to look for these, you could send a written request if you have the volume and page number of the record you need. If not, FamilySearch may have the record on microfilm (find instructions for borrowing Family History Library microfilm here) or if you're lucky, digitized online.

To find digitized court records for your ancestral county or town on FamilySearch.org, go to the page listing all Historical Record Collections (you also can get here by clicking the Browse All Published Collections link on the record Search page). Use the filters on the left to choose United States, then the state.

Look for the name of the county or town in the collection titles, such as " Ohio, Jefferson County, Court Records, 1797-1947" or "Ohio, Hamilton County Records, 1791-1994" ("court" doesn't necessarily appear in the name). Many of these collections aren't yet indexed, so you'll need to browse through the records rather than search by name.

Remember that just because it isn't on microfilm or digitized online, doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Often the most-used records are filmed or digitized, while more-obscure records aren't.

In some states, old county records are sent to the state archives. A visit to the court's website or a call before you visit should tell you if this is the case. (My call ahead to a county courthouse saved me a trip when I was looking for my third-great-grandparents' divorce records.)

GEORGE JONATHAN DEW

Hugh B. Johnston Files

George Jonathan Dew, son of Jonathan Thomas Dew and wife Martha Ann Ellis, was born in 1864, in Wilson County, North Carolina. On December 21, 1882, Elder Pleasant D. Gold united him in marriage with Lucy L. Perry, daughter of John W. and Jane Ellen Perry. She was born in 1864, and died on April 16, 1892. Jane Perry was born in 1823 and died on January 28, 1886. Hers is the only tombstone surviving from several that formerly stood in the old Dew family graveyard a short distance west of the original Dew Mill on the County Line Road. George Dew married secondly Emma Clifton.

On October 17, 1895, as a result of a petition of J. W. Thorne in behalf of his relations who were orphans of Lucy Dew, Commissioners Calvin C. Rountree and Kinchen Batts advised the Wilson County Court that the interests of the orphans would be promoted by allowing their father George Dew to sell his interest in the Jonathan T. Dew land to Wiley D. Dew for $1,250 plus $150, in order that at his own death the two children would inherit a fee-simple right in the 150 acres in Jackson Township in Nash County (known as the Bryant Rice tract) worth $1,400; the Dew land involved 267 acres in Taylor's Township of Wilson County adjoining John Dew, James Tomlinson, W. W. Farmer, and others. On March 26, 1896, Commissioner John E. Woodard reported to the County Court that the proposed transaction had been completed.

Children of George and Lucy (Perry) Dew:
1. Addie Dew was born in 1883 and married Hubert Winstead.
2. Frank Dew was born in 1887 and married ___ Brake. They are said to have lived in Richmond, Virginia.

Source: Wilson County, Special Proceedings, Book No. 3, p. 386.

See information on page 34 about Dew's Mills.

Ancestors of Elbert Timothy Moore, continued from February *Trees of Wilson*

Contributed by Evelyn Moore

Richard Moore
b. Reading, Berkshire, Eng.

Edward Moore
b. 1640, Berkshire, England
d. NC

Joseph Moore
b. 1695, Va.; d. 16 Feb 1757 NC

Lewis Williams
b. Wales

Margaret Williams
b. c. 1680, Nansemond Co VA
d. NC

Mary Walburton
b. c. 1640, d. aft 1720, NC

James Moore
b. 14 Nov 1729, Bertie Co, NC
d. May 1789, Halifax NC

Robert Hodges
b. 1648 VA, d. 9 Nov 1687

Robert Hodges
b. 1670, VA, d. 3 Aug 1742

Frances Nosworthy, b. 1666

Ann Hodges
b. 22 Jul 1701, US
d. Aug 1757, NC

Ann Branch
b. 1670, VA, m. 1695, VA,

Elijah Moore, Sr.
b. 1755, N. C.
d. 1833, Edgecombe Co.,

Ann Ruffin
b. 1722, d. 1800, Bertie Co, NC

DEW'S MILLS

Gazetteer of Wilson County

Hugh B. Johnston and Garland P. Stout

Dew's lower Mill site: Mill bought by John Dew in 1751, heired by Arthur and Abraham Dew in 1762, heired by Captain William Dew in 1796, heired by Temperance Dew in 1821 who married Haymon Mann and sold it in 1824 to Jesse Barnes, Jr.

This mill was the oldest known mill in Wilson County. The owners before John Dew were John Lott—ca. 1744-1748 and Nathaniel Hickman—1748-1751.

Later owners were Viverett, Barnes, Turner Bynum, Joshua Barnes, Thomas, and Winstead. In 1957 it became a City of Wilson water reservoir.

Dew's Upper Mill site: Established by John Dew in 1785 at the present Silver Lake location. It was operated by:

Duncan Dew, 1791-1802; Patsey Dew, Jonathan Dew, and Jonathan Dew, Jr., 1802-1847; Alfred Thompson 1847-?; William Taylor, ?-1871; Wiley W. Farmer, 1871-1907; and Roscoe D. Briggs, 1907-1922. It has been known as Silver Lake since about 1922.

Dew's Bridge crossed Toisnot Swamp at Dew's Mill site on the colonial road from Tarboro to Smithfield, as early as 1769.

WCGS NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2015. The meeting was cancelled due to a winter weather storm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **It is time to pay your dues for 2015** if you have not already done so.

Our treasurer requests that members **send their e-mail addresses with their dues payment.** She will then send a paid receipt by e-mail as verification that their dues were received.

• **Corrections for February Trees of Wilson:** Change the month at the bottom of the pages to February to avoid confusion later.

Please note the printer error—that pages 14 and 23 were switched.

• **CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center** houses the remnants of the ironclad gunboat CSS Neuse, a product of the Confederate navy's ill-fated attempt to regain control of the lower Neuse River and retake the city of New Bern during the Civil War. The museum is full of history on the gunboat, along with military displays, civilian displays and new exhibits. 100 N Queen St, Kinston NC. Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm

• North Carolina Genealogical Society's upcoming events:

Summer Workshop: Digging Deeper Into Your Family History with Michael D. Lacopo, DVM, will be held in Winston-Salem on 20 June 2015.

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AN OLD WILSON PAPER

The Wilson Times, August 25, 1899

Last week we saw an old Wilson paper,—The Weekly Brief,—published here in 1886, by W. J. Fitzgerald or "Jess" as he was known. The paper was real interesting, and told of what then were stiring [sic] events.

An account of the ball game between the Wilson Browns and some other team was one of the most interesting article [sic] inserted.

Billie Simms was then the "only" pitcher and his record of striking out nineteen men on that day was not equaled in any game played in the State this year. He gave only one man a base on balls and hit only one man.

The article tells of the excellent umpiring by Roscoe Briggs, the fine catching by Calvin Woodard, the hot long drive to center by Jess Mayo and the fine work at short of Frank Rountree. It mentioned, and praised the work of Waters and others whom then were ball players from "way back." These men mentioned are now among Wilson's business men, with few exceptions the men who shone on the ball ground then are the props and stays of our city now.

The paper is a very interesting one and we enjoyed it personal [sic].

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President's Message

Dear Diary ... Probably very few of us keep a diary these days when our lives are so often fast-paced. Many are using social media to discuss their everyday activities.

As we search for clues about our ancestors, we often turn to records and documents found in court houses and libraries.

However, some very valuable information is found in the more personal papers, such as letters, diaries, in family Bibles, and memoirs.

One diary, written by Octavia Barnes, is a treasure, telling about parties, ball games, picnics, baptizings, weddings, visitors, (several from Georgia), as well as births, illnesses and deaths of people in the area.

She tells about her Papa buying "our little Ford Touring car" on Monday, May 30, 1916. Another entry tells that "Papa, Lewis and Bryan took a trip to Selma, Micro and Kenly an all day one."

Although memoirs are rare, they are a treasure trove if you are lucky enough to find one. Don't forget the "FAN" club (Friends, Acquaintances, Neighbors) as you do your research on your ancestor's lives.

Social media may contain lots of information, but it will not be accessed in the years to come as will diary entries, letters and Bible records. "Grandparents Books," books where a person fills in the answers to questions about his/her life, are another record that will be treasured in years to come.

Joan L. Howell

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library Assembly Room, April 28th

Please join us for our meeting on April 28th at the library. Ask at the reception desk for directions.

Our program will be presented by Perry Morrison who will speak to us about the Wilson Historical Association and their activities. Morrison, a member of WCGS, serves as president of the Historical Association.

Our ancestors lived in a historical and geographical context, and we can not begin to understand them until we know about the time and place in which they lived. With this in mind, the Wilson County Historical Association is a resource that we should utilize.

This program, originally scheduled for February, was postponed due to winter weather.

Please mark your calendars for the 2015 meetings:

May 26	October 27
September 29	November 24

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PETITIONS FOR PARDON

Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

State of North Carolina}
Wilson County }

To his Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States,

The petition of Joshua Barnes of the County and state aforesaid very respectfully showeth unto your Excellency that he is excluded from the general amnesty of the 13th Section of the Proclamation of the President dated May 29th 1865.

Your petitioner further showeth that he is desirous of availing himself of the gracious provision of a special pardon, by thus making special application therefore, showing as a reason therefore that he was consciencious [sic.] in his conviction that he was right in his adhesion to the cause of the so-called Confederate States, that now the issue has been decided he is equally consciencious [sic.] in his desire to promote the general good of the whole country by a faithful support of the Government of the United States.

He further showeth that he never held any office under the so-called Confederate States Government, nor did he do ought for its support except in the way of contributions to soldiers, which was much in the way of charity, paying taxes and such other things as he was compelled to do.

He now promises henceforth to faithfully support the constitution of the United States and the Union of the States there under and will do all things [remainder is missing]

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WILSON SCHOOL LIBRARY CIRCULATION RECORD OF SPRING TERM 1899

Contributed by Joan L. Howell

[Editor's notes: Continued from the May 2014 issue of *Trees of Wilson*. Using the *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900*, by Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe, an attempt has been made to place these students with their families. Some of the names do not appear in the census which may mean that they were boarders or that they were listed in the census with a different first name or they had moved away. In other cases, there were several children with the same name who would have been of the right age, but we did not have enough information to determine which child was the named student.

Additional information came from *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV,* Joan L. Howell; and *The Rise of a Southern Town*, Patrick M. Valentine]

Royall, Ada—Aida H. Royall, b. Sept. 1885, daughter of Marry Royall. Maggie N. Herne [sic., Hearne], school teacher also lived in the household. In the 1880 Wilson County census, M. A. Hearne, school teacher, was listed as sister-in-law in the household of P. F. and M. E. Royal.

Ruffin, Luther

Sanders, Ethel—Ethel G. Sanders, b. Nov 1885, daughter of Frank and Emma G. Sanders. She and her parents were born in Virginia.

Sanders, Gladys—b. July 1888, sister of Ethel, also born in Virginia.

Saunders, Tom—may have been Tom H. Sanders, b. Oct. 1889, son of Willie and Ella M. Sanders.

Simms, Geo.

Simpson, Reese—may have been (abstracted as) Rezin Simpson, b. Apr. 1884, son of Susan R. Simpson.

Smith, Norman—may have been born Oct. 1887, son of Celestia Smith

Smith, Willard—may have been Williard A., b. March 1885, son of Celestia Smith.

Snakenberg, Willie—b. May 1884, son of William B. and Delphia Snakenberg. William B. was born in LA; his father was born in Germany and his mother in Ohio.

Snipes, Richard

Speight, Miss

Stallings, Junius—Junius S. Stallings, b. Dec. 1884, son of Wiley and Verniel I. Stallings. Wiley was born in Virginia, and Verniel was born in South Carolina.

Stallings, Mary—may have been Mary V. Stallings, b. Sep 1883, daughter of Archibald A. Stallings, born in Virginia as were his parents.

Stallings, Wiley—Wiley A. Stallings, b. Oct. 1889, brother of Mary.

Starr, Albert—b. March 1889, son of George J. and Clarrie Star. George was born in Africa, and his parents were born in England. Clarrie and her parents were born in Virginia.

Starr, Harry—b. Sep. 1886, brother of Albert. Both Harry and Albert were born in N. C.

Stevens, Ella—b. Nov 1885, daughter of Rozell and Marry A. (abstracted as) Stevins. Rozell's mother was born in Virginia.

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THE JAMES "JIM" WHITE FAMILY EXPERIENCE

By Albert R. Page, Sr.

[Editor's note: I apologize to Mr. Page and our readers that this article was not included with the Benjamin and Honor Moore Land plat and George Washington Page and Zillie White Page's photograph in March 2015 *Trees of Wilson.*]

Introduction

For quite a few years my interest has been drawn to this James White family. Years ago I discussed Page family history with some of my father's Uncle George Page family from the Saratoga area. I descend from John Thomas Page, and my cousins Ruth and Mabel Page come through the younger brother George Washington Page. We spent some good times together talking about their side of the Page family. Their stories were always fascinating, and the more I heard the more I wanted to know about their experiences and the times they spent with their grandparents George and Zillie Ann White on their farm in the Saratoga Township. They showed me pictures of some handy work by our common great grandmother Cherry Baker Page who had been married to Joseph Page.

One day we spent time in the Edwin Owens Cemetery looking at our close kin including George, Zillie and Cherry Page's graves. They took me down the Piney Grove Church Road just north from the cemetery to where the George and Zillie Page's old home place still stood on the east side of the road. The cleared field was to the north of the home place. Ruth and Mabel recounted to me that when they were young they used to visit their grandparents there and play in the old graveyard that was in the field north of the old Page home. They told me then that several of the graves had bedsteads that surrounded individual graves. I was saddened to see then that the old graveyard no longer existed.

Over the years I never forgot about the way Ruth and Mabel described that old time burial ground. Some few years back, I visited the Edwin Owens Cemetery and went to the old Page home place and was shocked to see that it had also been taken down. It was hard to imagine that from that moment in time only memories still existed regarding that home and the graveyard. Sad also to say now Ruth and Mabel are no longer with us as they have passed too.

New Found Interest: Boykin's Obituaries

My interest was excited once again recently by the publication in *Trees of Wilson* by Bobby Boykin's submission of the old obituary of our subject under discussion "James White." I was happy to see the obituary but very disappointed that it contained so little information about James White, his family and anything much about them. This seems to be all too often the case with these old reports as we look for much more family history and information today about those that are precious to us. The following is the whole disappointing obituary from September 2012 *Trees*, page 92:

> "James White. Mr. James White died last Sunday. He was near 65 years of age. He leaves a wife and several children some of whom are grown."

This information, little as it was, was from the *Wilson Times*, May 12, 1899. Don't misunderstand me in my reaction to the scarcity of family information in the obituary. I am delighted to see that it was carried in the newspaper. So much more could have been included in this public notice. Remember, it said that James White lived to be 65 years old. A lot took place during that life time that is important and very interesting. As a result of knowing a little something more about James White and his family from cousins Ruth and Mabel Page's discussion, I decided to take some of the responsibility and fill in some of the blanks of the history that we didn't get in the obituary of James White. Even though it is about 115 years after some of the facts I will submit, the following research information will highlight some of the family life of James White, his wife Mahala Moore and their children. This period covers more directly from about the 1830's to the 1930's.

The Early Years and Background Influences On The White Family

According to James White's second marriage license in 1871 in Wilson County, it was recorded that his parents were Garry Simms and Nancy White. It appears that James White was illegitimate at his birth.[1] A search in the 1840 and 1850 census reports turned up a Garry Simms and a Nancy White. They were not there in later census periods. No James White who would have been about fourteen years old could be found in the 1850 Edgecombe County Census report. He first appeared in the Wilson County marriage records in 1857 when he married Mahala Moore.[2] It does not look at first glance that James White had siblings. Nor does it appear that James White came from much of a financial background.

The case is altogether different for Mahala Moore. Her parents were Benjamin and Honor Moore. They are found as early as 1830 in the Edgecombe County Census record, and the older Benjamin Moore found there too may be his father. Benjamin, Jr., appears to have been about 47 years old in the 1840 Edgecombe Census with a family of three sons and two daughters.[3] A much clearer picture emerges of the Benjamin Moore family in the 1850 Edgecombe County Census report. He was a successful farmer with over 400 acres of land worth about $848.00. Though no sons were home then, the two daughters were there. Catherine was 14 years old, and her younger sister Mahala was 11 years old.[4]

The Wilson County marriage record reported that Catherine and Mahala married in the last part of the decade of the 1850's. Mahala Moore

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married first about May 22, 1857, to James White and Catherine Moore married Robert Holland about March 15, 1858. Both marriages were reported in Wilson County, but the licenses were not completed.[5] Thereafter Benjamin and Honor were left home alone.

It is plain to this writer from the records that Catherine and Mahala and their husbands stayed there on the Benjamin Moore farm and all worked the Moore place. Generous and loving as the Moore parents seemed to be, they encouraged their girls to stay home and raise their families. There was plenty of land and lots of work for all.

The 1860 Wilson County Census included the information that the Whites, Hollands and the Moore grandparents lived side by side. Their census numbers were 864, 865 and 866. By that time only Mahala and James White had children. Catherine and Robert Holland do not show off-spring at this time; however, later they did have two daughters Caroline and Mary Virginia. Benjamin and Honor Moore were very happy with their present two grandchildren, Garry, born in 1859, and Christina, born in April of 1860.[6]

The Dark Cloud of Conflict Bloomed in the 1860's

As these and other families of Wilson County addressed their day to day needs, looming over all subjects of the United States at this time was the ever troublesome problem of the conflict between the northern and southern states over the issue of slavery. The split finally began in December of 1860 and spread through the early months of 1861. The first clash happened in South Carolina and then later spread to Virginia and to many other locations. This conflict changed the lives of folks in Wilson County and all of the United States.

James White and Robert Holland, like many others, responded to the call of loyalty and joined either the armies of the north or south. The sacrifices of the families on the home front, with their main bread winner gone, was also enormous. It was not known how long loved ones would be separated. Right when it seemed life was very good to the Moores, Whites and Hollands, they got swallowed up in this national tragedy like everyone else did.

Both James White and Robert Holland enlisted together March 30, 1862, in Company G, of the 5th Regiment of the North Carolina troops. No one ever guessed that Robert Holland would die in just over two months on May 22, 1862, of disease in Richmond, Virginia.[7] That had to be the worst nightmare for the families when Catherine and the others received the bad news.

James White did not seem to have a safe experience either as he was wounded and captured at Williamsburg, Virginia, on May 5th less than two months after he enlisted. He was confined at Fort Monroe, Virginia, for about two months and then was paroled. He rejoined his unit at the end of 1862. He probably was able to take some leave back home in Wilson County to recover until he returned to the army. He participated in the Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania in early July 1863, where he was captured again and spent the next fifteen months in three different prison camps. He was exchanged this time on November 15, 1864, in Georgia.[8] A family tradition told and retold makes this observation about one of his wartime experiences: "I have heard the story of how during the Civil War, James swam across the Trent River at New Bern. The Union troops were advancing swiftly and the soldiers were evacuating as many civilians as possible, but boats were in short supply and there was no other choice but to swim."[9] James' military records do not account for his last six months during the War, but he, of course, did survive the war. He was surely very much welcomed back home by his family. The same joy was not there for Catherine Moore Holland due to the loss of her husband Robert in the early stages of the conflict.

Looking Ahead in the Post War Years

Now looking back at the birth dates of the last two children born into the White family during these times, it is found that Nancy White was born on March 31, 1864, during the war. As was said earlier, the family benefited by James' leave time away from the battle front so that Nancy could be added to the family.[10] After James White returned home for good, wife Mahala conceived one last time and Zillie Ann White was born May 15, 1866.[11]

During the post war years, the Moore grandparents, the James White family and Catherine Holland and her daughters faced forward and moved on hard as it was. They farmed and worked the Moore farm as diligently as they did before the war. The grandparent Moores were getting older and, maybe due to some health problem, not known now, for patriarch Benjamin Moore, two deeds in the Wilson County Courthouse report that Benjamin and Honor Moore deeded over to their

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two daughters Catherine Holland and Mahala White on April 28, 1868, providing each one half of the 350 acre old Moore farm. Certain rights were reserved for Benjamin and Honor Moore during their life time.[12]

When the 1870 Wilson County Census was taken about two years later Benjamin Moore was not listed with his wife Honor. The 77 year old Honor Moore did continue to live next door to the James White family as she probably had for years. Benjamin Moore was born in 1793 and appears to have died by 1870.[13] He left as good an example for family and friends as it seems possible. It seems highly likely he was buried right there close to his home on this old Moore family farm.

Honor Moore also passed away during these years though no records exist that help us with her death date. She does not appear on the Wilson County 1880 Census. In an honorable and respectful fashion, she would have been buried next to her husband on the Moore farm.

At this time, the reason is not known by this writer why Catherine Moore Holland chose to sell her part of the Moore land to Benjamin A. Howard. Catherine received $700.00 for her 175 acres from Ben Howard on February15, 1871.[14] Estates records from the N. C. State Archives include papers that indicate Catherine Moore Holland died sometime around late 1872 or early 1873. George R. Owens acted as administrator in selling Catherine's possessions in an estates sale. Papers in this file also indicated that Benjamin A. Howard was the guardian for Caroline and Mary Virginia.

Likewise, the James White family faced another disappointment in these exact years because Mahala Moore White died leaving her husband and four young children.[15] The Wilson County Courthouse records came to the rescue again, and the marriage records record that James White, about 41 years old, married Sarah "Sally" Skinner on May 30, 1871. Sally Skinner was about twenty years younger than James White. She was the daughter of Gardner Skinner and his wife Sally Flowers.[16] Sally Skinner White had her job already cut out for her as she had to be mother for Mahala's four young White children. The records of the time in Wilson County do not indicate that Sally ever had children of her own.

(to be continued in May Trees of Wilson)

Endnotes and Comments

1. J. Robert Boykin, III. *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Vol. II*, pg. 740.
2. Same as above.
3. Edgecombe County Genealogical Society, *1840 Federal Census, Edgecombe County, North Carolina*, pg. 47. Benjamin Moore is listed as "Benjamin Franklin Morris".
4. Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., *The 1850 Federal Census, Edgecombe County, North Carolina*, pg. 45 no. 1241 & pg. 105 no. 116.
5. Same source as #1 above, pg. 740, Vol. I & pg. 371, Vol. II.
6. Joan L. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina Federal Census of 1860*, pg. 89, see numbers 864, 865 & 866. After Catherine Holland died, her daughters were adopted out, and they lived in Greene County.
7. Weymouth T. Jordan, Jr., *North Carolina Troops 1861-1865, A Roster, Vol. IV, Infantry*, pg. 215.
8. Same as above pg. 220.
9. *History of Wilson County and Its' Families*, pg.310, the Wilson County Library at Wilson, N. C.
10. Same as no. 7. It is not evident in the military records that James White was on leave unless he was home just before his involvement at Gettysburg in July 1863.
11. Joan L. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina Cemeteries, Vol. III,* pg. 121. Also see Zillie A. White's death certificate in the Wilson County Courthouse.
12. Wilson County Register of Deeds Office, bk. 3, pg. 486 and pg. 490.
13. Joan L. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina Federal Census of 1870*, pg. 128, nos. 145 & 146.
14. Same as no. 12, bk. 4, pg. 456. Catherine Holland also sold 200 separate acres to Benjamin Howard in 1870. See bk. 4, pg. 199.
15. North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh, "Petition for Partition", (Benjamin Moore land) dated 15 February 1871, states James White's wife Mahala White as dead by then.
16. The Edgecombe 1850 and Wilson County Census records for Sarah "Sallie" Skinner/White help to establish her whereabouts and age. Sallie was aunt to the Starkey Skinner in this paper who was the husband of Jane White. See Albert R. Page, Sr.'s, "My Skinner Pedigree" in *Trees of Wilson*, Mar. 1998, pgs. 4-5.

LIBRARY FINDING AIDE

An alphabetical list of death records published in *Trees of Wilson* has been prepared. Some of the records have been as simple as a death notice published in a community column. Others have been obituaries. Still others have been resolutions of respect, reports of funerals, or tributes to the memory of the deceased. Most of the complete text, as previously published by the newspaper, was included in *Trees of Wilson*. Some of the notices previously published in *Zion's Landmark* contained passages of a religious nature that were omitted. Only an abstract was contributed for some deceased persons, and we have subsequently published the complete obituary if it has come to our attention.

To date, a death record has been published in *Trees of Wilson* for at least 860 persons. Over 900 articles have been included since the newspaper may have published more than one article about some of the deceased persons.

A copy of the alphabetical list with the dates of the issues of *Trees of Wilson* that carried the death records has been placed in the Wilson County Public Library. Please ask the librarian for assistance if you wish to use this finding aide.

OBITUARIES

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Wilson Daily Times, August 15, 1911

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES ANTHONY BARNES

On July 26, 1911, the soul of Charles Anthony Barnes took its flight back to the God who loaned it to his loved ones for the short stay of twenty-nine years.

From early childhood he was a general favorite with all who knew him. He loved his home and farm work and made every effort to be a successful farmer, which he was in every respect.

On December 29, 1911 [sic.], he was married to Miss Esther Mewborne, of La Grange, N. C., and never was there a union of more perfect happiness, for seven months not a cloud of sorrow ever crossed their pathway. He had just completed a lovely home and was in the prime of life, just starting on a voyage of happiness. 'Tis sad indeed for a young life so happily mated to be taken from the companion who was so devoted, but our blessed heavenly Father knoweth best and doeth all things well.

For six long weeks he was confined to his bed with that dreaded disease, typhoid fever, and during this entire sickness he was never known to murmur or complain. Although his sufferings were intense, he bore them with patience and cheerfulness. All that could be done by loving hands of relatives, friends, and physicians was cheerfully rendered. He leaves a devoted mother and father, two sisters, Mrs. Paul Worley, of Selma, and Mrs. Henry Applewhite, of Stantonsburg, three brothers, Messrs. Walter, Luther, and Vernon Barnes of Taylor, and a heartbroken widow who is almost inconsolable with grief.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Worley, of Pine Level, at Marsh Swamp Church, after which the remains were tenderly laid to rest at their family burying ground. The largest gathering of friends and relatives that has ever been known, together with the beautiful floral offerings only manifested the high esteem in which he was held. ...

The Wilson Daily Times, October 7, 1913

LOUISA DANIEL

DEATH OF WORTHY COLORED WOMAN.

Louisa Daniel, wife of James P. Daniel departed from this world October 4, 1913 at 5 o'clock, making her stay on earth 53 years, 3 months and 9 days. She leaves a husband, one son 5 daughters and 12 grandchildren, a mother, and three sisters, to grieve her loss. She was a worthy and industrious colored woman and loved by all people both white and colored, that knew her. We thank our friends both white and colored for their kindness that they have shown toward us in our distress. She and her daughters have been trusted servants of Mrs. George Blount's family for ten years.

[Editor's note: James Daniel, day laborer, born March 1860; and his wife of 22 years Louisa, born April 1858, lived in the Town of Wilson in 1900. Their children Debby Ann, born March 1880; Ella, born April 1883; Jesse, born October 1885; Joseph T., born April 1887; Mim..., born March 1889; Louisa, born November 1891; and Lily Clara, born October 1896; lived with them. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe]

The Wilson Daily Times, March 3, 1899

CATHERINE FARMER

Died.

Last Sunday morning Mrs. Catherine Farmer, wife of Mr. Arthur D. Farmer, was out in the yard at her home in this city milking. She was seated in a chair and seemingly in good health. Mr. Joe Farmer, her son, was watching her when he noticed she fell back in the chair and threw her hand to her head. On reaching her he asked what was the matter and she said, pointing to her temple, "the pain is there."

By the time they carried her into the house she was dead.

The funeral was preached from the home of the deceased on Monday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Hurley, of the Methodist church, of which Mrs. Farmer was a consistent member.

The following gentlemen acted as pall bearers: Messrs. Geo. D. Green, A. J. Simms, H. M. Warren, J. C. Hadley, Joe Rawls and T. C. Davis.

Mrs. Farmer was 78 years old. She was a Miss Catherine Farmer and married Mr. Arthur D. Farmer, who survives her. She was the mother of eight children, but only seven survive her among whom are some of Wilson county's most prominent citizens.

The children are: J. W. Farmer, Mrs. Jas. Marshbourne, Lycurgus Farmer, Sr., Joe Farmer, Mrs. Bettie Forbes, W. T. Farmer and Miss Sissie Farmer.

[Editor's note. There was more to this obituary; however, the paper was extremely fragile and the remaining portion was missing.

Arthur Dew Farmer, the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Dew Farmer, and Catherine Farmer were married in Edgecombe County, N. C., on May 1, 1847. Their children according to the census records were John W., b. 1849; Martha A, b. 1851; Lycurgus, b. 1852; Joseph A., b. 1853; Mary E., b. 1855; Thomas G., b. 1857; Catherine, b. 1868.

A. D. Farmer, born April 18, 1827, died February 25, 1901, and Catherine Farmer, born April 10, 1826, died February 26, 1899, are buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C.

Martha Ann Parmelia Farmer married James H. Marshbourne October 4, 1866. (See "The Marshbourn Family in January 2002 *Trees of Wilson*.) *Marriages of Early Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1733-1868,* Ruth Smith Williams and Margarette Glenn Griffin; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1870,* Joan L. Howell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV,* Joan L. Howell]

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Zion's Landmark, June 15, 1910

SETH M. PETTWAY

Walstonburg, N.C., May 1910
Elder P. D. Gold:

Dear Brother—Enclosed you will find a short sketch on the death of brother Seth M. Pettway, who departed this life last January.

It was ordered by conference that I ask you to have it published in the Landmark, and also ask the Gospel Messenger to copy.

Very devotedly yours in hope of eternal life.

H. S. Ward.

Whereas it pleased Almighty God to take from earth our beloved brother, Seth M. Pettway, we, as a church, do deeply feel our loss of a very dear and devoted brother, and are bowed down in sorrow and mourning; yet, the all-wise hand of providence rules.

Brother Pettway united with the church at White Oak Saturday before the second Sunday in July, 1903, and was baptized by Elder Wm. Woodard. He was greatly afflicted, having lost his eyesight some years before he united with the church.

Wilson Daily Times, July 9, 1913

JO ANNIE/JOEANNA PRICE
DEATH OF MISS PRICE

Miss Joeanna Price died Monday morning at the home of Mrs. Jennie Pittman on Pettigrew street after an illness of several weeks.

The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. M. Bradshaw of the Methodist church and the interment took place in the Maplewood cemetery.

The deceased was about 60 years of age and was held in esteem by her many friends.

[Editor's note: Maplewood Cemetery records list her as Jo Annie Price, interred 08 JUL 1913. She may have been Josephen Price, b. Oct 1849, listed as sister in the 1900 Wilson Township household of Bettie Maccoy, b. 1862. Also living in the household were Betty's two (of four) living children, John, b. Oct 1890; Harvey, b. Dec. 1894; and Betty's mother Fannie Price, b. Oct 1826.
Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV, Joan L. Howell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900*, Joan L. Howell & Janice C. Sharpe]

Wilson Daily Times, June 24, 1913

P. C. SETZER
FUNERAL OF MR. SETZER

The funeral of Mr. P. C. Setzer occurred at eleven o'clock this morning from the residence of Mrs. J. W. W. Thompson and was conducted by Rev. Mr. Bradshaw.

Mrs. Setzer who is a paralytic and has been speechless and unable to help herself for sometime [sic] was also brought over from Dunn.

The services were short on her account and the sympathy of the entire community is with the family in its deep affliction.

The pall bearers were Messrs. D. S. Boykin, Geo. Wainright, Lat Williams, J. A. Corbett, B. F. Lane and W. E. Warren.

[Editor's note: Mr. Setzer's marker in Maplewood Cemetery records his dates as b. 10 MAR 1850, d. 23 JUN 1913. Bettie Young Setzer, b. 22 FEB 1860, d. 26 FEB 1916, was buried in the same section. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV*, Joan L. Howell]

Zion's Landmark, Nov. 15, 1906

JOSEPH JACKSON VARNELL

Dear Brother Gold: I send you for publication in the Landmark an obituary notice of the death of little Joseph Jackson Varnell. He was born March 16, 1905; taken sick May 6th and died May 10, 1906, making his stay on earth one year, one month and 24 days. Little Joseph was one of the brightest looking and loving children I ever saw. He really did not appear to be as other children in some ways. There was a marked feature and expression in his countenance that led his parents and friends to believe that he was a little heir of promise. His parents doubted him living long on earth, so the loss of this precious little jewel was not much surprise to them. He was sick only four days and I am informed that he suffered greatly. All was done for him that doctor, mother, father and friends could do to restore him, but the chilly hand of death was laid upon him and took him to a brighter world above ...

The disease was cholera infantum. He leaves a father, mother, two brothers, five sisters and many friends to mourn his death, but I feel that their loss is his eternal gain. It was hard to give him up, but the good Lord knows best. ... Little Joseph's mother is a Primitive Baptist and his father stands strong in the same faith. So bereaved parents experience has taught you that God is just in all things; ... The babe has gone to rest where saint and sinner are ever blessed, while his remains are sleeping in a new made family burying ground to await the resurrection morn.

J. J. Thorn.

Zion's Landmark, August 1, 1910

LELIA MAY WOODARD

Lelia May Woodard, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Woodard, died June the 12, and was buried in the Renfrow cemetery near Lucama. She was one year, nine months and seventeen days old.

We all loved her so, that it was hard to part from her, but God knows best. We hope that God will prepare her sorrowing parents to meet their little child above. She was a ray of sunshine to us all, but little Lelia has passed on. She is gone, yes, gone, far beyond, on the brighter shore, where all who meet shall part no more.

Elephair Bardin.

[Editor's note: The grave of Leila May Woodard, b. 24 AUG 1908, d. 12 JUN 1910, daughter of Ed and Minnie Woodard, is in R. W. Tomlinson Cemetery. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume I*, Joan L. Howell]

UPPER BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

By Elgis Scott Farrior and Arthur Lee Barnes

Contributed by Joan Howell

May 5, 1832 was the date a group of believers organized themselves as the Upper Black Creek Church. Written records of activities are unknown until October 25, 1856, when the records of the Contentnea Association state that the church petitioned to be accepted into that Association. Delegates George Boyd (Boyette) and William Langley from Upper Black Creek were give the right hand of fellowship, and they reported membership of 23.

The church was represented at the Associational meetings by delegates or letter every year except 1866 and 1871. In 1872 Josiah Barnes and James Moore were delegates, reporting membership of 27. In 1875 the church petitioned for dismissal that it might form a new association. The distances to the meetings were great, ranging from Edgecombe County south, almost to the coast, so the church desired less travel with more participation. Messengers J. Barnes, J. Davis, and W. B. Barnes received the letter of dismissal. Kinchon Crumpler was the pastor.

The first session of the Black Creek Association was held at "Upper Black Creek Meeting House, Wilson County, N. C., commencing Friday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1876." Elder P. D. Gold preached the introductory sermon. Elder John D. Scott was chosen Moderator, James R. Privett, Clerk, Elder A. J. Moore, Assistant. The minutes record that 7 churches were Association members, having delegates and pastors listed. Membership at Upper Black Creek numbered 80.

The location of the church at this time is uncertain, but a deed recorded by Josiah Barnes in December 1871 states that he gave 4 acres of land "lying about two hundred yards south of a mill ... (Newsom) across Black Creek Swamp ... to William Barnes, George Boyett, and William L. Barnes ... in special trust ... that said premises at all times be used and enjoyed for a place of worshipping God for those who profess and hold the faith of the Primitive Baptist order of Christians." This location approximates where the church is today, although the building is not that old. The date of this building is uncertain, but the style is similar to that of Toisnot Church building about 1873 in Elm City.

The next known records are dated 1895 when J. B. Bass of Saratoga was pastor and membership numbered 73. Thirteen churches were members of the Association. The Minutes of 1902 list Elder G. W. Boswell of Wilson as pastor, with membership 120. There were 24 churches in the Association. Boswell served until early 1932. Later that year, Elder J. D. Fly of Rocky Mount became pastor. Minutes for 1934 show a membership of 128, but only 21 churches in the Association. Elder Fly served until 1953 when there was a division among the churches and he asked for dismissal.

Elder W. G. Pate of Goldsboro became the next pastor, and minutes for 1954 show a membership of 10 churches in the Association with 96 members at Upper Black Creek. Pate was assisted by Elder Paul Lamm until Lamm died in 1973. Elder Pate's health was declining and he needed help with his duties, so Elder A. F. Langston of Kenly was named co-pastor and Elder D. F. Carraway of Sanford was named as an assistant. Langston became pastor in 1975 with Carraway as assistant. These two serve today. The number of churches in the Association today is 10 and membership at Upper Black Creek is 52.

Over the years, the church building has been updated. A vestibule, inside plumbing, central heat and air conditioning have been added. Currently, carpeting and new pews with cushions are being added to make the church more comfortable for worship.

In 1986 Ralph and Wanda Scott deeded to the church a portion of land as recorded at the Register of Deeds office in Wilson, N.C. for expansion of the cemetery in memory of his parents, Elijah and Emma Scott, which straightened out the Ralph Scott side of the church cemetery and completed the area designated as the church Cemetery for Upper Black Creek.

EARLY NE WAYNE COUNTY CHURCHES

Early Fremont, Wayne County, N. C. History

by Selby Daniels

Contributed by Joan Howell

The first organized church was Great Contentnea, a Quaker church located five miles northeast of Fremont on the Quaker Road, not far from Contentnea Creek. This congregation met late in the year 1772 and later became known as the Contentnea Monthly Meeting. Chalkley Albertson was resident minister during the Revolutionary War period, and Nathan Pike, founder of Pikeville, was a member there then as were many Fremont area residents. This congregation later became known as Nahunta.

As Quakers were against slavery, five of the nineteen congregations in North Carolina (pre-Civil War) suffered heavy emigration to Indiana, Ohio and Illinois before the Civil War. Contentnea Congregation was one of these five, losing a total of one hundred eleven members between 1800-1843 to emigration.

The next nearest influential congregation was Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church, located on Highway 117 near Black Creek, N. C. This church was founded in 1783 by Reuben Hays, ancestor of the late Dr. Leonard Hayes of Fremont, and an ancestor of this author. Reuben Hayes "was preaching in the neighborhood of Naughunty (Nahunta), Wayne County, N. C., from 1776 until 1803." At that time, Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church was located in Wayne County. After Wilson County was formed in 1855, it became a part of that county. Many Fremont area residents were members there,

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JESSE S. BARNES PHOTOGRAPHS

Interest in Confederate soldiers from Wilson County, North Carolina, has lead a U. S. Civil War scholar from Germany to discover the correct identification of Jesse Sharpe Barnes in the Library of Congress (LOC), Prints & Photographs Division, Liljenquist Family Collection.

Katharina Schlichtherle, of Germany, became interested in the American Civil War as a child. She has earned history and English degrees in college, and now teaches.

She had contacted WCGS last year seeking the location of the Barnes/Holloman cemetery. She had been researching the Elias and Mahala Sharpe Barnes family and wanted to know how to find the family's burial site.

Schlichtherle located photographs in the LOC collection of their sons Jesse S. and William Sharpe Barnes. However, Jesse's photo did not match the one of him in Walter Clark's *Histories of the Several Regiments and Battalions from North Carolina in the Great War 1861-'65.*

After research involving the LOC, Bryan Watson, who had purchased the photos from a Florida Estate, and Greg Mast, an authority of N. C. Confederate images, the visual match to Jesse Barnes was identified and verified.

In the photo, Jesse wore a South Carolina uniform which indicated that he had enlisted in S. C. in early 1861 and returned home after North Carolina seceded from the Union. Here in Wilson County, Jesse recruited men for the war effort and formed a company called "The Wilson Light Infantry." This company became Company F, of the 4th Regiment, North Carolina State Troops.

Jesse was appointed captain of the company and served until he was killed at the Battle of Seven Pines (near Richmond, Va.), May 31, 1862.

THE TOISNOT DRAINAGE CANAL

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Wilson Daily Times, June 14, 1910

The Toisnot drainage canal, which has been under construction since June 8, 1909, was completed Tuesday of this week. The work was done under three contracts; the first embracing 7-3/4 miles of canal, the second a lateral branch 1/4 of a mile long, and the third another section of the main canal, four miles long. The canal varies in width from twenty feet at the upper end to 36 feet wide at the lower end, averaging 30 feet wide and 7-1/2 feet deep. The total improvement cost $30,000 to be paid by the land-owners benefitted thereby. The work has gone forward with no serious delay since its start a year ago and has accomplished the drainage of the land saught [sic] to be benefitted. Two thousand acres of land will be directly reclaimed and 1,000 more benefitted by reason of the improvement. The canal has enabled the county to establish two good roads, with steel bridges across the swamp and will undoubtedly do away with malarial conditions which result from stagnant water. The canal has never overflowed since its construction and the water in the swamp has been lowered ten feet from where it was a year ago. Some of the land has already been put in cultivation and it is expected that large crops will be made with a favorable season.

The contract for the work was taken by Lawrence Brett, civil and drainage engineer, but before its completion the Brett Engineering and Contracting company was formed to take over the contract and continue in the drainage business in North Carolina, with Wilson as the main office.

(Early NE Wayne County Churches, continued from page 44)

including one prominent settler, Jesse Aycock, who is generally regarded as the progenitor of nearly all Wayne County Aycocks.

Jesse Aycock's very large plantation was located 3 to 4 miles due west of Fremont between Highway 222 and Memorial Church (Primitive Baptist) Road. Jesse Aycock served in the Revolutionary War in Colonel Benjamin Exum's Company. In his will probated in November 1823, he willed the site of present Memorial Church. He was the great-grandfather of Governor Charles B. Aycock, Fremont's most prominent citizen, and was the third great-grandfather of this author.

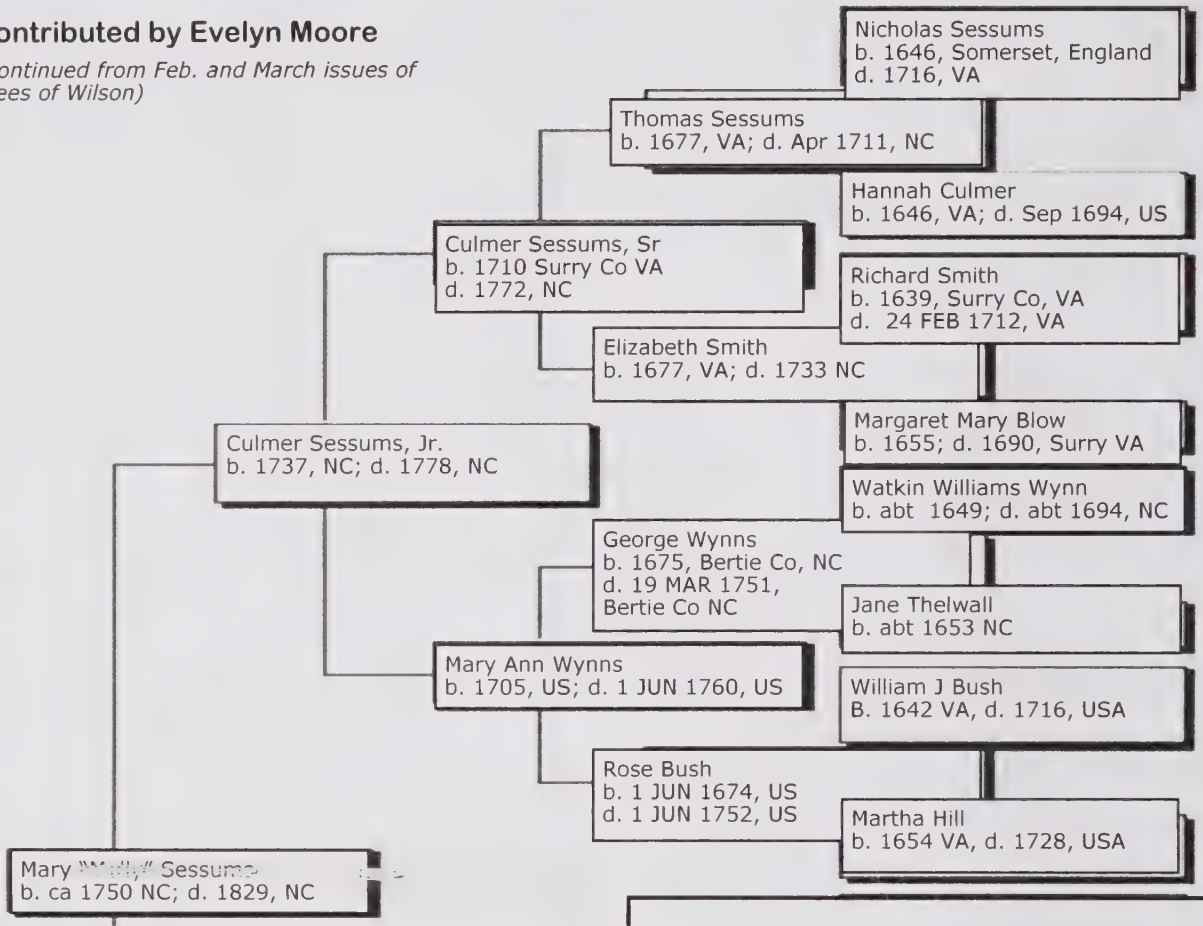
One of Jesse Aycock's grandsons, Jacob Aycock (the grandfather of Oscar L. Aycock, dairy farmer, just off Highway 222 west of Fremont) with several other members from Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church formed Aycock's Primitive Baptist Church, located near the Wilson County line on the old Seven Bridges Road to Wilson, 4 miles northeast of Fremont. Benjamin Aycock, father of Governor Charles B. Aycock, was a member there, and fell dead of a heart attack in 1875 during worship service in the church.

From W. F. Flowers who wrote the first history of Fremont, we learn "about the time of the formation of the Town, Jacob Hooks, and William Barnes were large property owners, and owned a considerable portion of the property embraced in the Town limits. William Barnes had given a considerable portion of his land to N. F. Jeffreys, a former native of Hillsboro, N. C. and the father of Z. M. L. Jeffreys of Goldsboro, N. C., to substitute for him as a soldier during the Civil War. The Barnes' property consisted of a large area of what is now the eastern portion of the Town. Jacob Hooks owned a considerable portion of the property which is now the western portion of the Town."

ANCESTORS OF EARL HOUSTON MOORE

Contributed by Evelyn Moore

(Continued from Feb. and March issues of Trees of Wilson)



WILSON COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

The Wilson County Genealogy Society board met March 24, 2015, in the genealogy room of the Wilson County Public Library.

The board discussed options for the publication of Book V in the cemetery series published by the society. Book V is a survey of the Resthaven/Rountree Cemetery, compiled by Joan Howell. A motion was made to offer a set amount of books at a pre-publication price in order to gauge how many books should be printed. A flier will be made up and sent out by the same firm that publishes the book.

The board also talked about speakers for upcoming meetings.

Sue Powell told the group that she was nearing completion of the 2008 index to Trees. The board discussed the distribution of the index to members, libraries, and other societies.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Webb, Secretary

WCGS March Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2015, 7 PM

The Wilson County Genealogy Society met at 7 pm in the assembly room of the Wilson County Public Library. President Joan Howell called the meeting to order. Howell pointed out announcements in TREES. She also reminded the membership that dues for 2015 are still being collected.

A Kenly News article written by Keith Barnes, a tribute to former WCGS member Guy Cox, was read to the group by Joan Howell. The article covered his career as a photographer in Wilson and other aspects of his life. Sue Powell also talked to those present about Cox and took the opportunity to point out the difference between a death notice and an obituary.

Howell reported that the WCGS board decided at the March 24 meeting to sell prepublication editions of Cemeteries Vol. 5 at a special price of $30 and to set the price at $35 after the initial prepublication offering.

The speaker for the evening was George Haislip. The topic of his presentation was "Overcoming Adversity in Family Research." He told those present how he sought out other sources after the traditional resources of census records and the like failed to give him the answers he needed to tie all his research together. He gave the group a handout that outlined one of his searches in unusual places. He ended his presentation with an exhortation to not give up and to consider non-traditional sources when you hit a brick wall in your research.

Our next meeting will be April 28th. The speaker for the evening will be Perry Morrison.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Webb, secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **It is time to pay your dues for 2015** if you have not already done so.

Our treasurer requests that members **send their e-mail addresses with their dues payment.** She will then send a paid receipt by e-mail as verification that their dues were received.

- **Saturday Genealogy Programs**, Archives/State Library Building, Room 208, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh N. C., 10-11 am:

May 2, 2015, **Using the North Carolina Digital Collections for Genealogical Research**. An overview of family records in several digital collections of the State Library and State Archives including Family Records, State Publications, Alien Registration and Naturalization Records, War of 1812 Pay Vouchers, 1901 Confederate Pension Applications, and Women, Marriage, and the Law.

August 22, 2015, **Using Private Collections for Genealogical Research.** A discussion of the kinds of information that can be found in the private collections of the Government and Heritage Library and State Archives

- The **Edgecombe County Genealogical Society** usually meets at the Edgecombe County Memorial Library, in Tarboro, N. C., at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month.
- The **Greene County Family Researchers** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Greene County Museum in Snow Hill, N. C
- The **Old Dobbs Genealogical Society** meets at 10:30 am the third Saturday of each calendar quarter, at the Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, N. C.
- The **Tar River Connections Genealogical Society** meets at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except Dec., at the Braswell Memorial Library in Rocky Mount, N. C.
- The **Pitt County Family Researchers** meet at 7:00 pm, third Tuesdays, at Sheppard Memorial Library, 530 Evans St., Greenville, N. C.
- The **Farmville, N. C., Ancestor Seekers** meet 10 am to 12 noon the second Saturday of each month at the Farmville Public Library.
- The **Library of Congress** has fascinating collections of thousands of images of the "faces, places, and events" of the War Between the States. One can spend hours viewing the digital collections. Unfortunately most of the soldiers were not identified. You may find your ancestor there. Please read related article on page 45.
- The March/April issue of *Family Tree Magazine* includes what they describe as their **"essential guide to 10 key websites for your genealogy research."** Those websites are Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, Findmypast.com, Fold3, GenealogyBank, Geni, Mocavo, MyHeritage, Newspapers.com, and World Vital Records. They give an overview, search strategies, membership options, and user tips for each of these websites. The Wilson County Public Library subscribes to the magazine. Check to see if your library does also.

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Census records abstracted by J. Albert Bass with family data added from his files.

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___	1880 Wilson County, Crossroads Township	$22.00
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___	1860 Wayne County, Fork District	$ 5.00
___	1860 Wayne County, Nahunta District	$16.00
___	1860 Wayne County, Pikeville District	$ 5.00
___	1870 Wayne County, Holden Township	$10.00
___	1870 Wayne County, Nahunta Township	$12.00
___	1880 Wayne County, Great Swamp Township	$14.00
___	1880 Wayne County, Nahunta Township	$18.00
___	1900 Wayne County, Great Swamp Township	$ 6.00
___	1900 Wayne County, Nahunta Township	$13.00

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Maps

___ Wilson County Historical Map $5.00
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TREES OF WILSON

Wilson's Family Heritage

Chronicles of the
Wilson County Genealogical Society

May 2015 Volume 24 Number 5

President's Message

Genealogy is one hobby that can't be completed, with all loose ends tied up "just so."

The discovery of an ancestor's parents gives us more parents to look for!

When I started out, I was delighted to find the dates and places for the major events in the life of an ancestor ... births, marriages, and deaths. Those are the basic facts, but without knowing something of the places and times in which they lived, the result can be dry and uninteresting.

"Social Studies," an article in the March/April issue of *Family Tree Magazine*, suggests we need to understand their work or military experience, know why they left one place and moved to another, trace their migration paths, learn about diseases that may have affected them, and become familiar with their ethnic or cultural heritage, which is ours, as well.

The events that were happening in the world around our ancestors had an impact on their lives. Knowledge of the history, political, religious, and social events of their times, as well as the climate, help us understand what and why our ancestors did what they did and how their daily lives were impacted. The expression, "No man is an island," is so very true.

The article also lists thirty-two free websites which will help supply details to enrich our research.

There's much to learn from these websites!

Joan L. Howell

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Wilson County Public Library Assembly Room, May 26th

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PETITIONS FOR PARDON

Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

State of North Carolina}
Wilson County }

To his Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States,

The petition of Wm Barnes of the County and state aforesaid very respectfully showeth unto your Excellency that he is excluded from the general amnesty of the Proclamation of the President dated May 29th 1865 by the 13th exception of that proclamation and that he is desirous of availing himself of the gracious provisions of the same by filing his personal application for pardon. He respectfully showeth that he was honest in the conviction that he was doing right while going in his adhesion to the cause of the so-called Confederate States, and that now the issue has been decided he is equally honest in his conviction that it is right for him to cordially support the Government of the United States, which he now promises he will henceforth do.

He further showeth that he never held any office under the so-called Confederate Government nor did he do ought except in the way of contributions to soldiers, paying taxes &c. He therefore prays to be specially pardoned by your Excellency and restored to the rights of citizenship & property.

/s/ William Barnes Jr.

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me the 25th July 1865
Willie Daniel, J.P.

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WILSON SCHOOL LIBRARY CIRCULATION RECORD OF SPRING TERM 1899

Contributed by Joan L. Howell

[Editor's notes: Continued from the May 2014 issue of *Trees of Wilson*. Using the *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900*, by Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe, an attempt has been made to place these students with their families. Some of the names do not appear in the census which may mean that they were boarders or that they were listed in the census with a different first name or they had moved away. In other cases, there were several children with the same name who would have been of the right age, but we did not have enough information to determine which child was the named student.

Additional information came from *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV,* Joan L. Howell; and *The Rise of a Southern Town*, Patrick M. Valentine]

Stickney, Gertrude—b. July 1886, daughter of Elizbeth Stickney.
Stith, Frank
Stith, Orilla
Strickland, Clarence
Strickland, Daisy
Strickland, Willard—b. Dec. 1887, son of R. G. and Tempe A. Strickland.
Sugg, Arch.
Sugg, Kate—Kate W. Sugg, b. Feb. 85, daughter of Turner and Kate W. Sugg.
Sugg, Nell—Nellie Sugg, b. Nov. 1886, sister of Kate Sugg.
Sugg, Turner—Turner B. Sugg, b. Dec. 1883, brother of Kate and Nell Sugg.
Sugg, Will—may have been William W. Sugg, b. Dec. 1889, brother of Kate, Nell, and Turner Sugg.

Taylor, R. K.
Taylor, Willie
Thompson, Dahlia—may have been Dalier Thompson, b. Aug. 1887, daughter of Mitchel and Elizabeth Thompson
Thompson, Jasper
Tomlinson, Allen Gray—Allen G., b. Oct. 1887, son of Marry A. Tomlinson and grandson of Marry A. Adams.
Tomlinson, Grace—b. Aug. 1885, sister of Allen Gray Tomlinson.
Tomlinson, Mrs. M. A.—Marry A. Tomlinson, b. Dec. 1860, daughter of Marry A. Adams. Both ladies were school teachers. Mrs. Tomlinson's father was born in Va.

Uzzell, James
Uzzell, Tom

Venable, Jean

Walls, Julia—b. Apr. 1887, daughter of James and Emma Walls. James and Emma and their parents were born in Md. Julia was born in N. C.
Walls, Merill—may have been Marill Walls, b. Dec. 1884, son of James and Emma Walls. Marill was born in Va.
Ward, Bessie—b. June 1888, daughter of Gideon and Louisa Ward

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THE JAMES "JIM" WHITE FAMILY EXPERIENCE

By Albert R. Page, Sr.

[Editor's note: I apologize to Mr. Page and our readers that this article was not included with the Benjamin and Honor Moore Land plat and George Washington Page and Zillie White Page's photograph in March 2015 *Trees of Wilson.*]

The Decade of the 1870's Through the 1890's in the Lives of the White Family

The estates records held in the Raleigh Archives under the file heading of Benjamin A. Howard includes a probate petition dated the 15th February in 1871 which called for an official division of the old Benjamin Moore 350 acre farm. The record states that the Whites and Holland families had been farming the land in common but no survey had ever been completed. The probate court was asked to have that survey made so the families could legally have their own separate parts.[17] Fortunately, the survey map was included in this file paperwork therefore today the old Benjamin Moore 350 acre farm can be absolutely identified on a current Wilson County Saratoga Township land owners map.

This writer, with the help of Traci Thompson of the Braswell Memorial Library in Rocky Mount, was easily able to locate the old Moore property on a Wilson County property map. It is positioned between present day US 264 and US 264A where Piney Grove Church Road cuts though the northern and west side of the old Moore farm.[18]

The interest of this paper was to follow the White inheritance so no effort to trace what happened to the 175 acres that Benjamin A. Howard purchased was made by this writer. The thirty or so deeds that this writer examined regarding the White family interest shows that they farmed their inherited 175 acres in part or in whole for the next 70 years. As long as patriarch James White lived, they all seemed to have farmed in common.

This Moore land is identical to the property that George and Zillie White Page were known to have owned and where their house was located when this writer came into the picture. The old graveyard is understood to be north of the old Page home in the plowed field.[19]

The 1880 Wilson County Census redirects our attention back to the James White family. James was listed as 53 years old at that time and his second wife Sallie Skinner was listed as 34 years old. No children were listed for Sallie. Mahala's son Garry was 21 years old, and his three younger sisters, Jane was 17, Nancy was 16 and Zillie Ann was 13 years old.[20]

While father James White continued to farm during the 1880's, his children married one by one and started their families of procreation. Jane White married first when she wed Starkey Skinner on January 8, 1880.[21] Starkey was the son of Hardy Skinner and his wife Millie Howard.[22] Son Garry White married next when he joined with Alley Owens in marriage on January 4, 1882. Alley was the daughter of John Owens and his wife Polly Dilda.[23] Sibling Nancy White married thereafter when she and Edwin Owens were wed on May 31, 1882. Edwin Owens was the brother to Alley Owens.[24] Garry White's first wife Alley probably died in child birth after which he married Fannie Flora, the daughter of James Flora and his wife Lucinda Evans, on July 22, 1885.[25] Last to marry in this White family was Zilla Ann White. On January 6, 1886, she married George Washington Page son of Joseph Page and his wife Cherry Baker.[26]

Three of the White children appeared in their married life to have lived on the land that came to their mother Mahala Moore White from her parents Benjamin and Honor Moore. Nancy White Owens lived close by with her husband Edwin on the old Owens farm. The old Owens home still stands today on the north side of US 264A in very good repair.[27] Garry White, Starkey and Jane White and George and Zillie White Page farmed their part of the old Moore farm. Father James White and his wife Sally Skinner also shared in the farm as long as James lived.

While all the work took place there down on the farm, the White siblings produced about 30 grandchildren between themselves. Over the years Edwin and Nancy Owens birthed 15 children, Jane and Starkey Skinner had six kids, Zillie and George Page had seven of their own off spring, and it seems Garry White had only one child.[28] As James White's obituary stated when he reached the age of about 65 years old, he died on the 23rd of April in 1899 and was likely buried right there in the same graveyard as was Benjamin and Honor Moore.[29] A record was found in the N. C. State Archives that indicated Sallie White, wife of "J. W. White," filed for her "Year's Support" on May 5, 1899.[30] Accordingly, seven months later on December 20, 1899, the White siblings decided to divide between themselves the 175 acres that came to them from their Moore grandparents.

The Wilson County Register of Deeds Office records show that deeds were made for the White siblings. Jane and Starkey Skinner received 39.25 acres. Nancy and Edwin Owens received their part which was 55 acres. Garry White drew 40 acres, and George and Zillie White Page accepted 40.75 acres.[31] It appears that George and Zillie Page received the "old Jim White home place" and likely the family graveyard was on their part of the farm too.[32] The nineteenth century closed on the White siblings as they busied themselves working the land, tending their children and looking forward to good and better times in the next few decades of the twentieth century.

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The Closing Years of the White Siblings Through the 1930's

While searching the 1900 Wilson County Census records, I found three of the four White siblings with their families. Garry White was not listed for that time. A file at the Raleigh State Archives was located for Garry White that indicated he died sometime in the early months of 1900.[33] His possessions seemed to have descended to his only child son James "Jim" K. White. No record of Garry White's second wife was found by this writer.

James K. White kept his father's land only about four years, and thereafter he sold this inheritance on January 21, 1904. Two deeds were found in the Wilson County Courthouse for this date. This young Jim White sold 22.31 acres to his uncle and aunt Starkey and Jane Skinner. He also sold the remaining 17.13 acres to another uncle and aunt George and Zillie Page. Jim White received $650.00 and $550.00 respectively for his land.[34]

George Washington Page and Zillie White Page

The Skinners and Pages added this additional land to their original inheritance bringing their totals to sixty acres or more each. It was found by this writer that even today under current owners this land is referred to as the "Skinner and Page lands" in modern deeds.[36]

Starkey and Jane Skinner lived and farmed their property for about another 15 years. The Wilson County Register of Deeds records indicate that on November 15, 1919, Starkey and Jane Skinner transferred their 61.5 acres to their five children while they maintained a "life time right" interest for themselves.[37] Starkey Skinner lived another six years, and he died on December 12, 1925. He was buried in the Edwin Owens Cemetery just a stone's throw from where he and Jane had lived most of their lives. Jane White Skinner lived another three years and died on March 8, 1928. She was laid to rest beside her husband. Two very nice headstones mark their graves in the Owens Cemetery.[38]

Edwin Owens, Nancy White Owens' husband, died earlier on February 24, 1910. He was buried on his property in the family graveyard. Wife Nancy White Owens survived her husband seventeen years, and she died on March 3, 1927. As was the tradition, Nancy was buried by her husband in the Edwin Owens Cemetery. Two large stones mark their graves.[39]

George and Zillie White Page out lived the other White siblings. Zillie Ann White Page died on August 21, 1931. She left a will in which she directed that her Moore land which came to her through her family would go to her husband George Page for life time. After his death, it was to be divided between her five children. George Page survived his wife by nine years. He died on November 11, 1942. Both were buried in the Edwin Owens Cemetery where a very nice large headstone marks their remains. George Page's mother Cherry Baker Page is buried on his lot also.[40] Three of their children are buried in the northern part of this graveyard.

Daughters Ruth and Mabel Page told this writer that their father George Dow Page sold his part later. Much of the old Moore farm that went to Mahala Moore White and then to her children was eventually sold to the Speight and Applewhite families.[41]

The Old Benjamin Moore-James White Graveyard

As was stated early in this paper, Ruth and Mabel Page,[42] daughters of George Dow Page, son of George and Zillie Page told me over and over again about the old graveyard north of their grandfather's house on Piney Grove Church Road, with the bedsteads around the graves, that was there in their years of youth. When I visited the old George Page home place with them, the graveyard had already been plowed over. The exact location of this burial ground is not known by this writer, but it wasn't far north of the home place on the east side of the road in the field. It is this writer's speculation that the following list of Moore and White family members might likely be buried in this location.

1. Benjamin Moore, b. 1793, d. after April 1868
2. Honor Moore, wife of Benjamin Moore, b. 1793, d. after 1870
3. Catherine Moore Holland, daughter of above, b. 1836, d. 1872-1873
4. Mahala Moore White, daughter of above, b. 1841, d. 1871
5. James White, husband of above, b. 1836, d. 23 April 1899
6. Garry White, son of above, b. 1859, d. 1900
7. Allie Owens White, wife of above, b. 1853, d. after 1882 and before 1885.
8. Fannie Flora White, 2nd wife of above, b. 1866, d. before 1900
9. Sarah "Sallie" Skinner White, 2nd wife of James White, b. 1849, d. after 1900
10. There might be some sons of Benjamin and Honor Moore buried here also.[43]

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Endnotes and Comments

17. Same as no. 15. The farm was given to Mahala and Catherine by deed in 1868 by their parents, but it was not surveyed until 1873.
18. A Wilson County map that showed all land divided currently was purchased several years ago from the Map Section Department by this writer for $5.00. The Moore land boundaries of yesteryear can still be seen on the map in its Saratoga Township location.
19. A comparison of where the old George W. Page home place was to the Wilson County map of the Saratoga Township and the original Benjamin Moore survey indicates it is the same property.
20. J. Robert Boykin, III. *Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census*, pg. 458, see no. 190 for the James White family.
21. Boykin, *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Vol. II*, pg. 639. See Starkey Skinner marriage to Edith C. White.
22. See no. 16 (in April *Trees*) for "My Skinner Pedigree."
23. Boykin, *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Vol. II*, pg. 739. See Garry White marriage to Alley Owens. Also see Howell's *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1870*, pg. 89, no. 863, for the John Owens family.
24. Boykin, *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Vol. II*, pg. 527, Edwin Owens marriage to Nancy White. Also see no. 97, pg. 124 in Howell's *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1870*.
25. Boykin, *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Vol. II*, pg. 739. Garry White marriage to Fannie Flora. Also see Boykin, *Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census*, pg. 198, no. 127, for the James W. Flora family.
26. Boykin, *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Vol. II*, pg. 532, George Page marriage to Zillie White.
27. The Ellis family has owned this property for years. A younger descendant lives in the home today.
28. The Edwin and Nancy Owens' children were: Addie, Daisy, John, Charles, Bessie, Lillie, Nannie, Jonas, Lucille, Myrtle, Adelle, Joana, Edwin, Jr., Vivian and an infant; Starkey Skinner and Jane's children: Albert, Martha, Oscar, Starkey, Jr., Charley and Jonah; George and Zillie Page's children: Maggie, Minnie May, Berdie, Mary, George Dow, Joseph, Lillie Clyde & Vivian Adelle: Garry and Alley White's son was James K.
29. J. Robert Boykin, "1899 Obituaries," *Trees of Wilson*, 2012, pg. 92. See "James White." Traci Thompson of the Braswell Library in Rocky Mount figured the exact date of death.
30. North Carolina State Archives at Raleigh, Estates Records file for Sallie White's Years' Support document.
31. Wilson County Register of Deeds Office, bk. 53, pg. 553; bk. 53 pg. 563; bk. 65, pg. 574-575. No deed for Zillie and George Page was found, but there must have been one for them assigning 40.75 acres to them. Other deeds show them with property together with Zillie's siblings.
32. A deed in the Wilson County Register of Deeds Office between G. W. Page and John W. Rodgers, bk. 268, pg. 507 states "... a certain piece of land in Saratoga Township known as the G. W. Page home place, formerly known as the Jim White old home place containing thirty nine acres ... ."
33. North Carolina Archives, "Estates Records File," see "Garry White file 1900."
34. Register of Deeds Office, Wilson County Courthouse, bk. 69, pgs. 2 & 3.
35. The Skinners owned 66.66 acres, and the Pages owned 67.88 acres at that time.
36. Wilson County Register of Deeds Office, property owners file in the name of the late Jacqueline Speight Horton refers to this 90.5 acres as "the Skinner & Page land."
37. Wilson County Register of Deeds Office, bk. 123, pg. 97.
38. Joan Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. III*, pg. 123, see Starkey and Jane Skinner.
39. Same as above source, pg. 116 & 117, see Edwin & Nancy Owens.
40. Same as above source, pg. 121, see Minnie Mae, Joseph W. and Vivian Page listings.
41. Ruth & Mabel Page told this writer that their dad G. D. Page sold his part of the old George Page land. That land was until recently owned by the late Jacqueline S. Horton.
42. Ruth Page married William Kennedy Taylor on the 23rd of May 1946, in Wilson County, N. C. Mabel Page married Roy Lee Baker who preceded her in death.
43. The 1840 Edgecombe County Census reports three sons in the Benjamin Moore family. It is not known by this writer who they were or what happened to them. They were not included in their parents' (Benjamin and Honor Moore) land division in 1868.

CAUSES OF DEATH, TAKEN FROM DEATH CERTIFICATES

Contributed by Marion "Monk" Moore

"A mother died in infancy."

"Deceased had never been sick before."

"Died suddenly, nothing serious."

"Died suddenly at the age of 103."

"Went to bed feeling well, but woke up dead."

"Pulmonary hemorrhage, sudden death, duration four years."

"Deceased died from blood poison, caused by a broken ankle, which is remarkable, as the automobile struck him between the lamp and the radiator."

OBITUARIES

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mr. R. F. Bottoms Dead

Wilson Daily Times, May 9, 1911

Mr. R. F. Bottoms, of Nash county, but well known in Wilson, died yesterday following a stroke of paralysis on Sunday. Mr. Bottoms was fifty-two years of age and leaves his wife and ten children surviving.

The funeral was conducted this afternoon at the family burial grounds.

James Edwin Farmer

Zion's Landmark, May 1, 1911

It is with a sad and lonely heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my darling little boy.

James Edwin Farmer was born July 15, 1901, and died April 2, 1911, aged 9 years, 4 months and 18 days. He was taken with pneumonia March 11 and suffered dreadfully for three weeks.

Jamie was an unusually bright and beautiful child. He had such a sweet and affectionate disposition, was so kind and loyal to his little friends and playmates, who seemed to love him devotedly. He was a special favorite with his brother and sisters and loved everyone that loved him. He was especially devoted to his father. It appears to be our brightest jewels that are taken first. I have never seen a child possess such manliness and bravery in sickness as he did. He did not cry or refuse to take his treatment at all. We had him taken to the sanatorium and all that good physicians, nurses and friends could do was done, but God saw best to take him home. Oh, what a world of pain and suffering he has escaped. As I looked upon him lying so peacefully asleep in his little casket it seemed that I could almost see him transfigured from mortal to immortal bearing the image of his Savior, which was enough.

About an hour before he died, he threw up his little hands and called on the Lord, and was not restless any more. He was conscious as long as he lived. I have no doubt but what the Lord heard him and relieved him of his suffering.

Brother Gold, this is the eighth child that we have lost, seven in infancy. This seems, if possible, to be my saddest trial. The Lord alone knows how I loved my darling, how I miss him and His holy purpose in taking him from me. Pray for me that I may be reconciled to His holy will in all things.

Written by James' almost heartbroken mother.

MAGGIE FARMER.

[Editor's note: James E. Farmer, b. 15 JUL 1901, d. 02 APR 1911, son of J. A. and Maggie C. Farmer, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV,* Joan L. Howell

J. A. Farmer, 36, Toisnot resident, married Martha Montague, 19, Va. resident, on 05 FEB 1890, at Toisnot Township. *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1889,* J. Robert Boykin III.

In, 1900, Joseph Farmer, b. Jan 1852, farmer; and his wife of ten years, Martha E., b. FEB 1872, lived in Toisnot Township. Martha and her mother were born in Virginia. Three of their four children were living with them: Joseph E., b. NOV 1990; Catherine F., b. JUN 1894; and Samuel L., b. APR 1898. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe.]

Mr. George Gay Dead

Wilson Daily Times, April 24, 1911

Yesterday afternoon about three o'clock Mr. George Gay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gay, died in this city from heart trouble.

The funeral was conducted from the home of his parents on Lodge street this afternoon at three o'clock by Dr. Blanchard, pastor of the First Baptist church.

The pall-bearers were: Messrs. J. L. Moody, James Downing, James Ellis, Frank Lamm, Blake Baker and S. D. Moody.

[Editor's note: He may have been George Gay who was interred in Maplewood Cemetery, 29 MAR 1911. His parents may have been Robert Gay, interred 16 Jun 1923; and Mrs. Robert Gay, interred 24 APR 1914; in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV*, Joan L. Howell]

L. Bennett Jones
Funeral of Mr. L. B. Jones

Wilson Daily Times, May 9, 1911

The funeral of Mr. L. B. Jones, who died Sunday night about nine o'clock with apoplexy at his home on Railroad street, was conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. C. W. Blanchard, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Fred Dey, of Winston.

A choir composed of Mrs. Charles Blount, Mrs. Herbert Rountree and Mr. J. J. Privett, rendered hymns at the service.

The pall-bearers were: Messrs. R. A. Turlington, L. S. Bozard, K. H. Watson, Walter Walston, A. A. Privett and W. L. Banks.

[Editor's note: L. B. Jones, b. 25 FEB 1859, d. 07 MAY 1911, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery. *Wilson, N. C. Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV*, Joan L. Howell

See Nov. 2011 *Trees* for his obituary and additional notes about his family, wife Mary E. Bullock Jones, and children Joseph M., William T., and Wade H.]

Daisy Smith

Zion's Landmark, April 15, 1911

It is with a very sad heart that I attempt to write a few of the many good things in the life of my sister Daisy Smith. I feel that I am too incompetent to do her justice. Some years before her death she asked me if she died first if I would write her obituary. If I died first she would write

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mine. So you see it has fallen to my lot to write hers.

She was the daughter of J. T. and Bettie Smith. She was born October 10, 1882, and died April 12, 1910, making her stay on earth twenty-eight years. She started her school career at the age of five, was only two days learning her letters which she never forgot. At the age of thirteen she finished her public school course. The most of her time from then until she was eighteen was spent in school, attending school at Kinsey's school in Wilson, now known as the Atlantic Christian College. She finished with highest honors, receiving one of the highest prizes. At the age of eighteen she stood the county examination, received a first grade certificate, and taught school eight years with success in every place. She was always loved by both parents and children leaving many friends in every neighborhood in which she taught. She made pleasure at home and abroad, always carrying a joyful face. She never forgot old people. I heard an old gentleman say the other day that she was present at his home at a party one night. After confections had been served to the young people, she picked out the best there was and carried them to the old people, a kindness which he had never forgotten. Her life was a life of success. She was a beam of sunlight in our home until May, 1907, when she married and left our home. She never knew what trouble was until then. From then on her life was a failure. The many pleasures she had been anticipating were blotted out with troubles. Her pleasures seemed to have taken, as it were, the wings of the morning and flown to the utmost bounds of the earth, never to return in this life. She had always looked on the bright side of life, and as there seemed to be no bright side now, she gave up all hope.

We sat by her bedside and saw her life dwindle away day by day, and hour by hour, until the last spark of hope faded away. She often prayed that her last days might have been different, though she never murmured during her illness. She had never joined any church. She said if it wasn't her disobedience to her Maker that caused her to have so much trouble she did not know what it was. She told me she obtained a hope at the age of ten and desired to unite with the Primitive Baptist church at old Contentnea. But being nothing but a child she thought they would not receive her. From time to time she would go to that place of worship. But feeling her unworthiness she would return with the same burden in her bosom. After she was taken to her death bed she prayed for one more chance to tell what great things she hoped the good Lord had done for her. But it was not the Lord's will for it to be so.

She often prayed to depart from this life. The only thing she dreaded was the sting of death. She was my last sister. I never had but two, my oldest one dying three years previous to the death of Daisy. She left four children to take her place, but there is no one to fill sweet Daisy's place. My success in life seemed to be vested in her. Though I hope the good Lord will prepare me to fill the battle of life.

Her funeral was preached by Elder G. W. Boswell at Contentnea church. A very large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives were present. After service her body was laid to rest in the church yard cemetery. ... [Poetry omitted]

All the family want [sic.] to offer thanks of gratitude for the kindness shown to Daisy during her illness and death.

Written by her baby brother,

SAMMIE SMITH.

Wilson, N. C., April 4, 1911.

[Editor's note: Daisy married J. H. Morriss on May 15, 1907. ancestry.com

She was buried as Daisy Smith, b. 10 OCT 1882, d. 12 APR 1910 [sic.] in the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery on the south side of Hwy 42 in Old Fields Township. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume II,* Joan L. Howell

Clearly, there was much about her life that was not recorded here. We are left wishing that we knew "the rest of the story" about the troubles that she endured. The fact that she was buried under her maiden name leaves us wondering.]

Louellen Tedder

Zion's Landmark, February 15, 1911

Sister Louellen Tedder, the wife of Joseph Tedder, died at her home May 1, 1910. She was born in Wilson Co., August 14, 1882, and was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist church at Scotts in Wilson county for about seven years.

Her house has ever been a good home for both rich and poor, sinner and saint, but more especially for Baptists, in the company of whom she was ever happy. You only had to know her to love her. She leaves a husband, two loving little girls, a mother, father, three sisters and a community of friends to deplore their loss. But God is able to solace and comfort and to lift up such as are cast down. She was a truthful woman and a lover of peace. She had no fellowship for the unfruitful works of darkness, yet she knew how to bear and forbear with much allowance. She was so good and kind that she can never be forgotten. We believe her soul is at rest.

I was with her a lot before she died, and I noticed that she seemed to bear her afflictions with great patience. Death indeed loves a shining mark. ... [poetry omitted]

[Editor's notes: There may have been more of this obituary, but this is all that was sent to me.

Lou Ellen Tedder, b. 14 AUG 1882, d. 01 MAY 1910, "Wife of Joe Tedder," was buried in the J. T. Barnes Cemetery on Wiggins Mill Road near the intersection with Scott Church Road, in Cross Roads Township. Joseph T. Tedder, d. 13 JUN 1925, age 52, was buried adjacent to Lou Ellen. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume II,* Joan L. Howell.]

CHRONOLOGY OF WILSON COUNTY

***The Historical News*, February 2015**

1713 — Tuscarora Indians left the area — Tosneoc (Toisnot) Indian Village was approximately 3 miles east on NC Hwy. 42.
1730 — Early English land grant.
1740s — First English settlers located near creeks.
1756 — Toisnot Primitive Baptist Church established.
1776 — Revolutionary War 1782.
1781 — British General Charles Cornwallis camped near Hominy Swamp and South Tarboro Street.
1783 — Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church established.
1802 — Upper Town Creek Primitive Baptist Church established.
1805 — Captain William White begins mercantile business near Hominy Swamp and South Tarboro Street.
1807 — Contentnea Primitive Baptist Church established.
1830 — White Oak Primitive Baptist Church established.
1840 — Railroad completion brought a large influx of new settlers.
1847 — Toisnot Academy established.
1849 — Village of Wilson incorporated through the merger of Hickory Grove and Toisnot Depot — Named for Mexican War hero, General Louis Wilson.
1850 — Plank road between Raleigh and Greenville completed.
1853 — First Methodist Church established.
1855 — Wilson County formed from parts of Edgecombe, Nash, Wayne, and Johnston Counties.
1856 — St. Timothy's Episcopal Church established.
1859 — St. Austin's Institute, a Methodist school, established.
1859 — Wilson Female Seminary established.
1862-1866 — War Between the States.
1862 — Confederate Hospital was located in Wilson's Female Seminary.
1865 — Missionary Baptist Church established.
1866 — London's Primitive Baptist Church established.
1871 — Disciples of Christ established church.
1872 — Wilson Collegiate Institute established by the Primitive Baptists — Attended by Josephus Daniels and Charles B. Aycock.
1876 — Maplewood Cemetery was established.
1881 — Wilson public graded schools opened.
1885 — First Presbyterian Church established.
1887 — Branch Bank established, is the oldest continuous bank now in existence in the State of North Carolina.
1890 — Wilson Tobacco Market opened. Later became the "World's Largest Tobacco Market" during the 1920s.
1891 — St. Mark's Episcopal Parish School was started for black students — Lasted until 1920s.
1902 — Atlantic Christian College founded by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
1906 — Principle streets were paved and the first telephones installed.

SIX SIMPLE WAYS (THREE ARE FREE) TO USE ANCESTRY.COM

Genealogy Insider, Family Tree Magazine, Monday, December 23, 2013, Diane Haddon

Genealogy website Ancestry.com encompasses some 31,000 databases with more than 9 billion historical records. Where's an overwhelmed genealogist to start? Here are six suggestions (half of them free) for family tree tasks you can do on the site.

1. Explore what's available for free. The site also offers a surprising number of free data collections. To find them, go to the Card Catalog, type free in the keyword blank and click Search. And remember that many libraries and FamilySearch Centers offer free access to almost all the site's databases through Ancestry Library Edition.

2. Create or upload your family tree. It's free to put your own family tree files on Ancestry.com, a way to share information and organize your research. A subscription will allow you to view the site's suggested matches in records, as well as see other members' trees that overlap with yours.

3.Follow hints. Once you've created a tree, the site will automatically search for record matches. A leaf icon in the corner of an ancestor's box indicates there's a "hint" for that person. Click the leaf to see the hint (you'll need a subscription to see most hints). If you determine the suggested match really is your relative, you can attach the record to your tree.

4. Scour message boards. The site's vast array of message boards (identical to those on RootsWeb) is free to access. Check boards for all the surnames you're researching, as well as places where your family has lived.

5. Search. You'll get the best results by clicking Show Advanced in the upper right portion of the home page and using the advanced search options. Sometimes you get better results by searching a category of records (such as immigration or census records) or a single database. To search a category, select it from the drop-down list under Search. Use the card catalog to find individual databases.

6. Search other trees. See who else is researching your ancestors (and what they're saying about them) by searching the site's Member Trees. As with any online tree site, remember that the information isn't independently verified and may contain errors. Examine any attached records and sources cited, contact the submitter for more details, and do your own research to verify the names, dates and relationships.

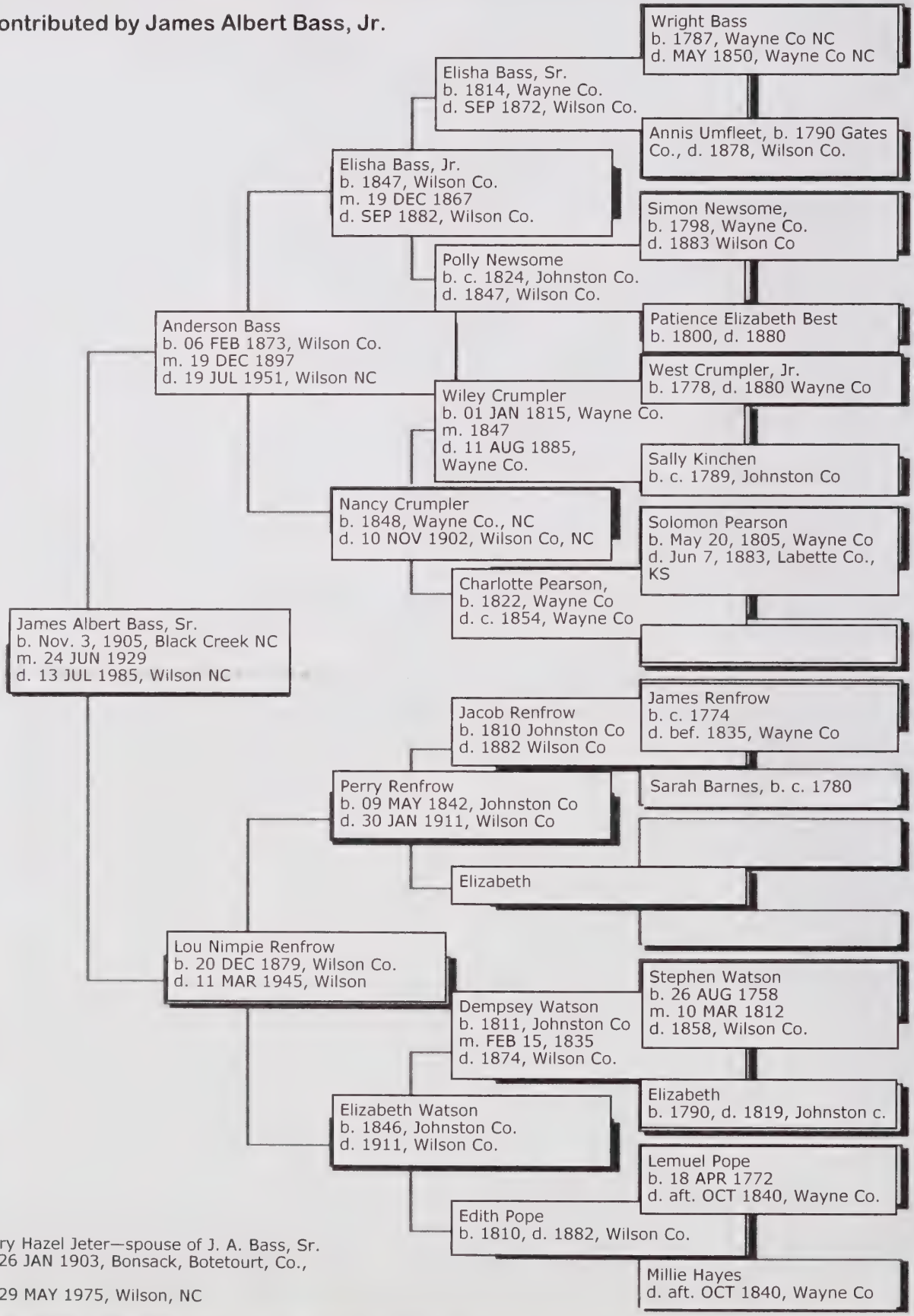
LOWER BLACK CREEK CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ROSTER
Contributed by Lois Bass

Name	Baptized	Deceased	Excluded	Dismissed
Lou Bardin	10 MAR 1878	11 JAN 1933		
Nancy Montgomery	11 MAY 1884	28 MAY 1949		
Willie M. Strickland	12 SEP 1886	23 FEB 1947		
Melvina Barnes	13 FEB 1887	19 FEB 1936		
Jane Lamm [?]	08 APR 1888	√		
Florence Sadler	10 NOV 1889	√		by letter to join Wilson Ch.
Loumiza Hayes	10 NOV 1889	11 MAY 1936		
Ida Raper	11 MAY 1890	1940		
Mary Dickerson	12 JUN 1892	29 DEC 1943		
Louetta Atkinson	12 MAY 1895	√		
Mindy Hays	08 SEP 1895	√		
S. A. Smith	12 FEB 1896	03 AUG 1941		
M. L. Smith	12 FEB 1896	OCT 1943		
Ella Harrell	12 JUN 1898	FEB 1949		
Elizabeth Lamm [?]	08 APR 1906	√		
Sallie Woodard	13 JUN 1909	18 APR 1969		
Viola Sullivan	14 APR 1912	24 JAN 1942		
Annie Vick	09 JUN 1912	03 MAR 1969		
Viola Bass Howard	08 SEP 1912			By letter to join Upper Black Creek
Mary Bone	08 SEP 1912	01 NOV 1936		
Sallie Bardin	11 MAY 1913	16 AUG 1939		
Alice Daniel	10 AUG 1913	22 SEP 1931		
Bettie Hales	08 AUG 1915	√		
Lincy Davis	12 JUN 1915		Disorderly conduct	
Annie Baily	12 JUN 1915	03 AUG 1964		
Sarah Short	12 JUN 1915	√		
Lula Thorn Thomas	10 MAR 1917	16 OCT 1966		
R. A. Overman	MAR 1912	√		
George Bell	02 MAY 1906	18 APR 1932		
Francis Bass	11 MAY 1918	01 AUG 1956		
Mary Campbell	09 JUN 1918	23 SEP 1933		
Florance Peele	13 JUL 1918	27 AUG 1958		
Thelma Bass	14 APR 1919			
Ella Sumlin Boswell	14 SEP 1919	√		
L. D. Mercer	12 JUN 1921	06 SEP 1964		
J. P. Johnie Bardin	12 JUN 1921	30 JAN 1968		

[Editor's note: This church membership roster was abstracted from several pages of the church record book #3. Ms. Bass obtained permission for WCGS to make copies of the four record books still in the possession of the church when it disbanded. The copies are available in the Genealogy and Local History Room of the Wilson County Public Library. The list will be continued in a future issue of *Trees*.]

ANCESTORS OF JAMES ALBERT BASS, SR.

Contributed by James Albert Bass, Jr.



WCGS April Meeting Minutes

The Wilson County Genealogy Society met at 7 pm on April 28, 2015, in the conference room of the Wilson County Public Library. The meeting was called to order and guests and members were welcomed by President Joan Howell. No treasurer's report was available.

Howell reminded the membership to check for announcements in Trees. Howell told the Society that 500 flyers have been printed and are ready for distribution to announce the publication of the fifth cemeteries volume that surveys the two city-owned African-American cemeteries in Wilson. The book contains alphabetical listings of 11,472 burials in Rest Haven Cemetery and 590 burials in Rountree/Vick Cemetery.

The speaker for the evening was Perry Morrison, president of the Wilson County Historical Association. He began by speaking about how a genealogy society and an historical society complement each other. He noted that both groups have a love of history and stories. He distributed a current copy of the Wilson County Historical Association newsletter and told the group that he looks forward to *Trees of Wilson*. He complimented Sue Powell for her work with the newsletter and the other contributors that make it so interesting to read. He said that his association's focus is to try to place Wilson and its history in the context of the history of the state and the nation.

He tested the knowledge of the group with an entertaining quiz, Great Wilsonians. Morrison said the point of the quiz was to showcase the rich history of our city and county and to point how little most of us know about that heritage.

Our next meeting will be May 26, 2015, at the Wilson County Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Webb, secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **It is time to pay your dues for 2015** if you have not already done so.

Please **send your e-mail addresses with your dues payment.** A paid receipt will be sent by e-mail as verification that the dues were received.

- **Saturday Genealogy Program**, Archives/ State Library Building, Room 208, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh N. C., 10-11 am:

August 22, 2015, **Using Private Collections for Genealogical Research.** A discussion of the kinds of information that can be found in the private collections of the Government and Heritage Library and State Archives.

- N. C. Genealogical Society Workshop: **Digging Deeper Into Your Family History,** a full day workshop co-sponsored by NCGS and the Forsyth County Genealogical Society. Speaker: Michael D. Lacopo, DVM. Saturday, 20 June 2015, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Knollwood Baptist Church, 330 Knollwood Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27104. See the NCGS website for more in formation.
- The **Edgecombe County Genealogical Society** usually meets at the Edgecombe County Memorial Library, in Tarboro, N. C., at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month.
- The **Greene County Family Researchers** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Greene County Museum in Snow Hill, N. C.
- The **Old Dobbs Genealogical Society** meets at 10:30 am the third Saturday of each calendar quarter, at the Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, N. C.
- The **Tar River Connections Genealogical Society** meets at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except Dec., at the Braswell Memorial Library in Rocky Mount, N. C.
- The **Pitt County Family Researchers** meet at 7:00 pm, third Tuesdays, at Sheppard Memorial Library, 530 Evans St., Greenville, N. C.
- The **Farmville, N. C., Ancestor Seekers** meet 10 am to 12 noon the second Saturday of each month at the Farmville Public Library.

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TREES OF WILSON

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President's Message

As I was browsing through a recent edition of *Family Tree Magazine*, I was interested to see several readers' answers to the question, "What's Your Biggest Genealogy Regret?"

Three of the answers were probably common to most of us.

We often regret not asking our older family members questions about their parents and grandparents. Time passes, and then they aren't around for us to get that valuable information.

My biggest regret, and I have heard many others say the same thing, is that I failed to keep good records of the sources used to obtain information!

Another answer was that an interview of a grandparent written in the 1950's to earn a Girl Scout badge had become lost over time.

If there is still time to avoid making such mistakes, take heed. Often we can't go back to make amends. Sometimes we learn when it is too late.

Joan L. Howell

NEXT WCGS MEETING
Sept. 29th

We do not meet during the summer months of June, July, or August. Our next meeting will be on September 29th at the library.

Please mark your calendars for the remaining 2015 meetings: September 29
October 27
November 24

We also do not meet in December.

GREAT WILSONIANS
Contributed by Perry Morrison

[Editor's note: At our April meeting, Mr. Morrison presented a most enjoyable program, in the format of a "Jeopardy" game, about Wilsonians "who have participated on the national stage." They have had a connection with Wilson but were also notable outside of North Carolina. With his permission, we will include the descriptions of the persons in *Trees of Wilson* and hope you will enjoy trying to name them. The answer will be hidden somewhere within the same issue of *Trees*.

"I was once known around the world. Smithfield claims me, but I never lived there even for one day. I was born in Brogden, but moved to Rock Ridge as a young girl, where I lived in the teacherage beside Rock Ridge High School. (The teacherage is still standing.)

While I was a student at Atlantic Christian College, my brother-in-law took a photo of me and put it in the window of his photography studio in New York City.

I married many times, but I never had as much fun as I had with Bummy Fleming, whom I met when he was working as a soda jerk at Morrison's Drug Store."

Who am I?

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PETITIONS FOR PARDON
Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

Wilson County
North Carolina
To his Excellency Andrew Johnson
President of the United States

The petition of Larry D. Farmer of the County of Wilson state of North Carolina, aged forty six years and by occupation a farmer, humbly showeth that your petitioner was appointed Tax Assessor on or about the 17th day of August 1863 for the County of Wilson, State of North Carolina under the Government of the so-called Confederate States until its downfall.

Your petitioner further showeth that he has voluntarily taken upon himself the oath of allegiance to the Government of the United States as herewith will be shown and that he never was possessed of property to the value of twenty thousand dollars—exclusive of slaves.

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays your Excellence will be pleased to grant his pardon for said offence and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

/s/ L. D. Farmer

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 5 Aug 1865
Wm. G. Jordan, J. P.

We the undersigned citizens of Wilson County State of North Carolina are well acquainted with Larry D. Farmer, and know him to be a man of integrity and believe the statement set forth in his petition to be true—and recommend that he be pardoned.

Wm. G. Jordan
W. G. Sharp
G. W. Blount
Willie Daniel

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WILSON SCHOOL LIBRARY CIRCULATION RECORD OF SPRING TERM 1899

Contributed by Joan L. Howell

[Editor's notes: Continued from the May 2014 issue of *Trees of Wilson*. Using the *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900*, by Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe, an attempt has been made to place these students with their families. Some of the names do not appear in the census which may mean that they were boarders or that they were listed in the census with a different first name or they had moved away. In other cases, there were several children with the same name who would have been of the right age, but we did not have enough information to determine which child was the named student.

Additional information came from *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV,* Joan L. Howell; and *The Rise of a Southern Town*, Patrick M. Valentine]

Ward, Jesse—may have been Jesse E. Ward, b. Jul. 1882, son of Martha J. Ward
Ward, Vernon
Warren, Ethel—b. June 1887, daughter of William E. and Irene H. Warren
Warren, Matie
Watson, Clyde—b. Apr. 1886, daughter of Kinchen H. and Allis N. Watson
Watson, John—b. Feb. 1885, son of Kinchen H. and Allis N. Watson
Watson, Pattie—b. Jan. 1889, daughter of Stephen J. and Fannie Watson
Watson, Sidney—b. Nov. 1889, son of Kinchen H. and Allis N. Watson
Weaver, Ben
Wells, Gladys—b. Sept. 1888, daughter of William and Bettie C. Wells
Wells, Rosa—She may have been the daughter, b. March 1890, of William and Pollie Wells.
West, Mary Belle—b. Mar. 1885, daughter of Martha A. West
Wheelis, Lizzie—b. Mar. 1888, niece of Henry and Lizzie Hamilton
Whitley, Annie—b. Aug. 1887, daughter of Willy and Martha Whitley
Wilkins, Jas.
Wilkins, Lynnwood—b. Apr. 1885, son of James and Ella Wilkins. James and Ella and their parents were born in Va.
Williams, Susie
Wilson, Jas.
Wilson, Lizzie Lu—may have been Lizzie M., b. Dec. 1887, daughter of John T. Wilson
Winstead, Belle
Winstead, Bessie—b. Jan. 1888, daughter of Lucien and Arey Winstead
Winstead, Miss Clee—b. Aug. 1875, teacher
Winstead, Effie
Winstead, Ernest
Winstead, King
Winstead, Lela
Winstead, Roy
Winstead, Miss Zell—b. Feb. 1872, teacher

(to be continued in a future issue)

Ava Gardner

MARRIAGES
Contributed by Sue Evans Powell

The Wilson Advance, January 5, 1893

Henry W. Wharton—Leonora Graves

On Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1892 at the home of the bride Mr. D. [sic. Henry] W. Wharton of Greensboro to Leonora ["Nora"] daughter of Dr. Jas. T. Graves, of Wilson. Rev. Mr. [Turner A.] Wharton, brother of the groom officiating.

B. Whitely Kincaid—Rosa Lee Young

At M. E. church Wilson, N. C. on Wednesday January 4th, 6 p. m. Mr. B. W. [Whitely] Kincaid of Griffin Ga., to Miss Rosa Lee [Young], daughter of Mr. J. T. S. Young of Wilson. Rev. J. H. Cordon officiating.

Marriage in High Life.

Last night at the M. E. church a large crowd gathered to witness one of the most beautiful marriage ceremonies ever seen in Wilson.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens and as the strains of melting music stirred the expectant throng the doors were thrown open and the bridal party entered.

First came Misses Priddy and McCraw, two little ladies dressed in white, who advanced down the isle [sic.] and opened the gates for the bridal party.

Next came the Rev. Mr. Cordon. As soon as he had reached his position in front of the altar the two ushers Mr. Harvey McNair and Mr. Willie Greene came forward and took their appointed places. Then followed Miss Carrie Young, dressed in light blue and Miss Deans in white silk. After this couple came Mr. David Woodard and Dr. Wright.

After these gentlemen came Miss Peace in white and Miss Annie Harris in light blue silk. Then followed Mr. Sam Parker and Mr. W. P. Anderson.

The third little flower girl, Miss Rosa Setszer came next, acting as an advance guard to the bride who now entered with her brother Mr. E. F. Young. As the bride advanced down the aisle the groom, with his best man, Mr. Jones of Petersburg, entered from the choir door and met the bride in front of the altar.

When all had reached their places around him, Mr. Cordon proceeded to conduct the services in a most impressive manner. Pronouncing the bride and groom man [and] wife, he dismissed them with a blessing.

The happy pair left immediately for an extended tour. Washington, Baltimore, New York, and Niagra [sic.] Falls are stations on their Northern road while they intend, before returning to Wilson to take on [sic.] ocean trip from New York to Savannah Ga., thence to the groom's home, Griffin, Ga. Where [sic.] they will spend a month or more.

[Editor's note: Since the writer of this announcement omitted the names of the bride and groom, we are indebted to the previous entry which gave their names.]

The Wilson Advance, March 9, 1893

Married.

Albert Privett—Lillie Smith

Mr. Albert Privett, was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Smith, last Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. W. W. Edwards. The Rev. Mr. White officiating.

Lemon Boyett—Siddie Fulghum

On Wednesday, March 1st, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Lemon Boyette and Miss Siddie Fulghum were united in the holy bonds of Matrimony Simon Barnes Esq. officiating.

The attendant [sic.] were Leba High and Miss Ina Fulgham, Jesse Fulghum and Miss Susie Boyett, T. A. Hinnant and Miss Rosa Barnes, R. T. Barnes and Miss Sarah Fulghum.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple, followed by a number of friends, went to the residence of Mr. N. C. Boyett where an elegant reception awaited them. B.

The Wilson Advance, March 16, 1893

Married

Joseph Moore—Elizabeth Williams

Mr. Joseph Moore, and Miss Elizabeth Williams, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Henry Williams in Greene county Wednesday, March 1st. Rev. J. T. Moore officiating. The happy couple passed through town making their way homeward late in the afternoon of March 1st.

The Wilson Advance, April 6, 1893

Excerpt from "Taylors Township Topics"

W. H. [or H. W.] Williamson—Anna Boykin

Mr. W. H. Williamson was married on Wednesday of last week to Miss Anna Boykin. Both of Old Fields Township. J. H. Fulghum, Esq., officiating. The attendants were: Monroe Bullock and Miss Geneva Williams, S. P. Boykin and Miss Lincy Bullock, E. C. Williamson and Miss Sarrah [sic.] High, J. F. Williamson and Miss Mary J. Boykin. Many good wishes for them as they start out on the journey of matrimonial bliss. Who next.

LENOX.

The Wilson Advance, April 18, 1895

Anderson—Whitehead

The cards announcing the marriage of Mr. W. P. Anderson and Miss Lucy Whitehead are out. The ceremony will take place at the M. E. church on Wednesday next, April 24th.

Miss Whitehead is a neice [sic.] of Mr. Frank W. Barnes, President of the First National Bank. Mr. Anderson is a son of Capt. T. M. Anderson, of the firm of Anderson and Jones, proprietors of the Planters Warehouse. Mr. Anderson, like his father is engaged in the leaf tobacco business.

[Editor's note: Information entered within [brackets] was found in *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* J. Robert Boykin III]

MOSES ROUNTREE

Contributed by Robert Rountree

OBITUARY OF MOSES ROUNTREE, 1824 – 1887

Raleigh Christian Advocate, August 10th, 1887

In Memoriam.

Moses Rountree was born in May A. D. 1824, and died suddenly in Wilson, N. C., on the 7th day of July 1887, aged 63 years and 2 months. He was married in 1855 to Fannie A. Gay, whom he leaves with four children to mourn their loss. Brother Rountree began life as a businessman in Wilson in the year 1847, and at his death was the oldest merchant in the town. In life he ran two lines, one pertaining to his temporal good, the other to his eternal welfare. He recognized the fact that diligence in business conjoined with fervency of spirit in God's service, were the only sure safeguards and safe highway to the attainment of wealth on the one hand and public confidence on the other. He saw no needful rivalry between business and religion, regarding one as a mutual help to the other. There was a personal magnetism about him that drew a host of friends, and his virtues bound them as if they were by bands of steel. His benevolence was simply proverbial, God blessed him with abundant means and he dispersed it with a liberal hand.

He realized that there was a significance in those passages of revelation which connect sowing with reaping and he sowed bountifully. With a generous charity and Godlike sympathy, he could say, "Who is weak and I am not weak?" He was eminently obliging, and very sensible of favors conferred. To his friends, he was voluntarily transparent, and perhaps no one better understood the ingenuities of friendship or had a higher relish for it or was truer or more constant in it than he. In the home, he was kind, cordial, and respectful, with a fondness that was at once manly and genuine. In a word, think what rationally might be expected in the present unperfect state, in a mature man, a Christian as yet in his minority, as a gentleman, companion, and cordial friend, and you conceive of Moses Rountree. He loved with particular fondness the sanctuary, and was always glad to go up to the house of God, his pew was never vacant unless he was providently kept therefrom. The ministers of Methodism always had in him a true and tried friend, the hospitality of his board was lavishly bestowed on those of them who entered his home.

Death to such a man must be stingless, coming to him as a messenger from God to relieve him from a fight of faith that had grown too burdensome, and bearing in his hand the likeness of a crown, he had lost his terror and become an angel of peace. For over thirty years, he had been in the Master's service, and doubtless, at the close of the warfare, looking back he could see many imperfections, shortcomings and neglects, yet we think as he descended in the valley he found his shepherd there with rod and staff in hand to comfort as well as lead him through its shadow.

"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is Peace."

The funeral card, contributed by J. Robert Boykin, for Moses Rountree, carried his likeness. It had faded badly and would not have reproduced well for publication. Robert Rountree commissioned Keith Barnes to restore the image which you see here.

[Editor's notes: Moses Rountree was the son of Lewis Rountree, 1787-1850, and Elizabeth Daniel, 1801-1872, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Simms Daniel.

Lewis was the son of Moses Rountree, d. 1804, and Theresa Thomas, daughter of Jonathan Thomas and Mary Hilliard.

Moses (d. 1804) was the son of Francis Rountree and Mary Coleman, sister of Moses Coleman. They lived in the part of Wayne County that became part of Wilson County in 1855 on land on Contentnea Creek.

Francis Rountree was the son of Francis Rountree (died 1733) and Anne Sumner. They moved to Chowan County, N. C., about 1715.

Francis (d. 1733) was the son of Robert Rountree. Robert immigrated from Ireland to Nansemond County, Virginia, in 1685, as a headright for a Charles Rountree.

Wilson County's Founding Families, Sue Evans Powell and Henry Powell]

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Moses Rountree's home. Photo courtesy City of Wilson.

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MOSES ROUNTREE & COMPANY

Extract from an article about Wilson included in the *Raleigh State Chronicle*, May 31, 1899
Contributed by Robert Rountree

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

The chief trade of this town is embraced under this head. Most of the merchants keep a stock that will accommodate a farmer in anything that he needs. The oldest of these establishments is that of M. Rountree & Co.

When Wilson was almost a wilderness in 1846, this firm was established and for nearly half a century has conducted a business not surpassed, if equaled, by any retail establishment in North Carolina. During the forty-three years of its prosperous existence, there have been changes in the personnel of the firm, but Mr. Moses Rountree was all the time the life and soul of the firm until his death two years ago when his mantle fell on his two sons, Messrs. Herbert and James E. Rountree who carry on the business under the old firm name. Mr. Moses Rountree was a remarkable man in many ways. He was born in the Town of Wilson in 1822 and raised on a farm, and until the day of his death, took as much delight in farming as in merchandising. He was a man of indomitable energy and industry. When his business was small, he gave himself to it to make it large. When it was large it received all his best endeavors to make it grow and to yield handsome profits. He was, at the time of his death, not only the most prosperous merchant in Wilson but personally a most popular man. He was the most genial and companionable of men. He had a warm heart and his charities were constant and munificent. He gave and gave and gave to all charitable objects, to the church, to the needy and yet his estate continually increased. His life in this respect illustrated the Maxim:

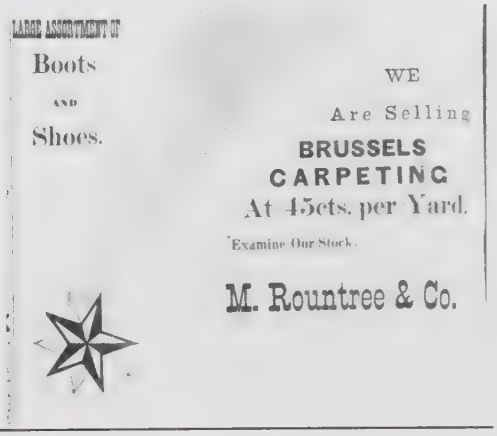
"There was a man and people called him mad, the more he gave away, the more he had."

When he died, more people were bereaved and more people attended the funeral than ever before in the history of the county. He was a prominent Methodist and gave largely to all its enterprises. His hand was never closed to any appeal or poverty. We might fill a column telling of his gifts and his help to the poor. Although he built up the big establishment of which we write and amassed large fortune, the monument that he would value most is that one be erected in the hearts of the poor. His sons are worthy to wear his mantle. They, like him, are "diligent in business," and like him they are conscientious Christians. Mr. Herbert Rountree is the financier of the firm and the head of the Grocery Department. Mr. James Rountree takes his father's place as manager of the Dry Goods Department. He tells the Chronicle that he sells annually 50,000 yards of checks, 20,000 worth of shoes every year. This is but two items. The sales of all kinds of dress goods, clothing, cutlery and hardware is large in proportion.

Illustrating without being tedious, the volume of business we may mention that they sell annually from 1,500 to 2,200 tons of guano. The chief brands they handle are Bradley Superior Phosphate, Whann's Plow Brand, Patapsco, Acid Phosphate and Kainit. Another illustration: This firm purchases from 7,000 to 8,000 bales of cotton annually. Again: the annual sales of this establishment aggregates from $150,000.00 to $175,000.00. One year it reached $200,000.00. This does not include any of their cotton transactions, or sale of commercial fertilizers. This firm sells everything from a yard of calico to a brown and hall cotton gin, and they sell to farmers 25 miles around in half a dozen counties. The success of this firm and its reputation has been built up by fair dealing. It holds its customers. Mr. Moses Rountree attached men and women to him with hooks of steel. In this characteristic, his sons are like him. The business was never more prosperous than today and never enjoyed the competence of the people in a higher degree. Certainly no men ever deserved the confidence of the people more, than these two honorable, capable and industrious young men. They carry on the business in two large stores, two stories high, which is their own property. The building is a substantial brick structure, 60 feet by 90 in extent. The lower story is divided into a dry goods and grocery department in the rear of which are the comfortably furnished business offices. Upstairs is the Wholesale Department. In the large lot in back of the store is a cotton yard and two large warehouses used for storing machinery, wagons, stoves, etc., and also a stables run for the accommodation of the teams of country customers spending the day in town.

[Editor's notes: Moses' was born before the Town of Wilson was established.

Francis Rountree, Moses' great grandfather, established a flatboat landing on Contentnea Creek and traded goods from the creek bank. Merchandise was brought up Contentnea Creek from New Bern. The creek was navigable to an outcrop of rocks known as "Indian Steps," just below Cobbs Mill. Rountree's Landing was located below "Indian Steps," and a bridge over Contentnea Creek at that point is known as Rountree's Bridge today. *Wilson County's Founding Families,* Sue Evans Powell and Henry Powell]



OBITUARIES

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

The Wilson Advance, April 18, 1895

Fannie Branch
Died.

Mrs. Fannie Branch on Tuesday morning. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church yesterday morning.

Wilson Daily Times, April 20, 1911

Sudie C. Bunn
Death of a Child.

Yesterday afternoon after a short illness died little Sudie C. Bunn, the five months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Rance Bunn, who reside on Factory street.

The funeral service was conducted this afternoon at five o'clock.

The Wilson Advance, April 25, 1895

Mrs. J. N. Gibbons
Died.

At Richmond, Va., on Tuesday 23rd, Mrs. J. N. Gibbons. The remains were taken to Faisons for interment.

The Wilson Advance, March 14, 1895
Excerpt from the "Local" column.

Margaret Murry

On Sunday Morning, Mrs. Margaret Murry, the wife of Mr. William Murry, died at her residence in this town. She leaves a husband and f e [sic.] daughters to mourn their loss.—*Greenville Tribune*

Wilson Daily Times, May 15, 1911

Owens Infant
Death.

Yesterday afternoon the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Owens, who reside in Stantonsburg died.

The funeral was conducted this afternoon at the family burial ground.

The Wilson Advance, April 11, 1895

M. C. Pridgeon
Died.

The death of Mr. M. C. Pridgeon at Elm City last week was a shock to the community. Mr. Pridgeon was a young man of exemplary character and thought well of by a large circle of friends. In honoring his memory his Odd Fellow companions did but do themselves an honor.

The Wilson Advance, April 25, 1895

Marcellus C. Pridgen
Obituary.

Marcellus C. Pridgen was initiated into Centenial Lodge No. 96 I. O. O. F. April 3rd 1884 and remained a faithful, consistent and worthy member of the same until April 3rd 1892 [sic.?] when death served [sic.] the bond and his soul took its flight into eternity beyond. He filled the elective offices of Vice Grand and Noble Grand of his lodge and was its representative to the Grand Lodge of N. C., at its session at Fayetteville.

The writer has heard him allude to his visit to the Grand Lodge and the pleasure and enjoyment he had at that meeting. It seemed to open up to his mind greater fields and to his conscientiousness greater purposes of the workings of Odd Fellowship. He had in himself the cordial virtues that make true Odd Fellowship in the beauty of its growth and the simplicity of its truth. He was fraternal, he was great in the magnanity [sic.] of his heart, he was an honest man. His character had no stain or blot and his whole moral life was a fit example worthy of emulation. He had a just sense of pride and strove under circumstances when stouter bodies and stronger minds might have faltered and despaired, he still fought on and conquered. He was generous, he always did his part everywhere and under all circumstances and his own comfort was oftentimes sacrificed to the convenience and comfort of some one else. Such a life speaks volumes and its influence will continue to be felt even when his name and memory is forgotten. He has gone from our lodge room, yet he has left us the memories of a name and life that will linger in our hearts and no one will remember the name of Marcellus Pridgen with anything save tenderest memories and fraternal respect.

...

[Resolutions of Respect were omitted.]

Zion's Landmark, June 1, 1896

Jonathan Tomlinson

Brother Tomlinson of Wilson county, N. C., departed this life on Tuesday, March 31st, 1896, at 10 p. m. He was in usual health till March 1st, when a short time after returning home he was stricken with paralysis, and gradually grew worse until the end. He had the constant attention of a devoted wife and children; two grown sons with unwearied and zealous care gave their entire time and attention in ministering to his every want, while the services of an able and skillful physician were baffled and rendered imoptent [sic.] in his case.

He was the son of Jonathan and Priscilla Tomlinson and was born April 17th, 1834. He was married Jan. 10th, 1856, to Sallie Daniel of Wilson county, to whom eleven children were born, and eight still survive, five boys and three girls, all about grown.

He joined Dr. Bullock's company in the spring of 1862, was wounded twice in battle, was a prisoner at the close of the war. On being released he returned to his home and farm, and by hard and skillful labor and economy and the favor of God he laid up a good fortune for his wife and children.

As all natural men do, he loved the things of the world, and even hated the doctrine of God's all sufficient grace in the salvation of poor sinners until God opened his blind eyes and Jesus was formed in him the hope of glory. Then he proclaimed to his friends the riches of God's grace in the salvation of sinners, and was received at Black

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Creek church and baptized by the unworthy writer Sept. 1st 1875. The church soon recognized the qualifications of a deacon in him, and ordained him to that office April 13th, 1890.

He served his county in the Legislature of 1895 with credit to himself and to his constituents.

True to his convictions, he could not be made to swerve from what he believed to be right. He was kind and forbearing, charitable to the poor; and so much was he in the heart and feelings of the community that a large number of people attended and sadly witnessed the last mournful rites of his interment. He acted well his part in every sphere of duty. As a member of the church he was faithful in attendance, and he discharged the office of deacon well, and purchased to himself a good degree and great holdness in the faith. He enjoyed the confidence of the brethren, and delighted to talk of the things of the Kingdom of God. Often did he hold up the weak hands of his pastor, and encourage and talk to him of the suffering Savior and of his poor and persecuted followers. The writer has often spent the evenings at his home in holy and sweet conversation and in prayer, but these seasons can be no more only on the tablets of sacred memory. Few men were more devoted than he to the cause of his Lord and Master, yet he did not deny the faith by failing to provide for his household. On a visit to him in his illness, I remarked to him that the church missed him much, to which he tearfully replied—"Did they miss me?" How is your faith now? was asked. He answered—"My faith and hope are all I have to support me in this trial and it is sufficient." Yes, God's grace is sufficient to live by and also to die by.

An affectionate husband, a kind and indulgent father, a faithful and loving member of the Baptist church has heard and obeyed the voice of his Beloved and is at rest in the bosom of his God, where no storms of envy and hatred and variance arise, and where sin, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

May God bless and sanctify this sad loss to the good of the lonely widow and bereaved children and friends, and cause all to emulate his noble life and example, and to know that God reigns, and that they are blessed who die in the Lord, and they rest from their labors, and their good works follow them.

A. J. Moore.

Whitakers, N. C.

[Editor's note: Paragraph breaks were added for the ease of reading.]

Zion's Landmark, May 1, 1907

Susan Alice Williamson

Susan Alice Williamson, daughter of Levi and Sarah Williamson, was born November 25, 1873, died July 12, 1906, making her stay on earth thirty-two years, seven months and ten days. She was married in the year 1904 to Isaac Williamson, now of Lucama, N. C., with whom she lived happy until the Lord saw fit to take her to himself on high where sickness, sorrow nor pain is known any more. Her funeral was preached Friday before the third Sunday in October at Contentnea church by G. W. Boswell, pastor of that church. My dear readers of the Landmark, it is so hard to give up our dear people and follow them to the grave, but we shall not weep as those who have no hope, for we believe she is resting in the arms of Jesus, although she never united with the church, but believed with the Primitive Baptists. She was a kind, humble and obedient child all through life, obeyed her parents, was kind and obedient to her husband; but her sweet voice is stilled. Her footsteps are not heard again. O how lonesome that house appears. ...

I pray God's blessing may rest upon her kind and loving husband that she loved so good. May he bless him and prepare him to meet her in heaven and bless her brother and sisters, father and mother, and all that were near and dear to her on earth, so that they may fall in the sweet embrace of Jesus at death and with all God's children sing her praise forever more. ...

Written by her sister,

BETTIE WILLIAMSON.

Zion's Landmark, February 15, 1908

Sarah Williamston

Sister Sarah Williamston, the wife of L. T. Williamston, was about 62 years old at her death. Sarah Mercer was her maiden name. She died October 31, 1907, after nineteen months of sickness. She was a faithful member of Contentnea Church, and a kind and beloved neighbor, a good wife and useful in her neighborhood. We miss such members much, but the Lord's way is right, while it is not in keeping with our own poor, short-sighted will.

P. D. G.

Wilson Daily Times, April 14, 1911

Lee P. Woodard, Jr.

Funeral of Little L. P. Woodard, Jr.

The funeral of little L. P. Woodard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Woodard, who reside a few miles from Wilson, and who died from paralysis, was conducted yesterday afternoon at five o'clock by Elder J. F. Farmer, of the Primitive Baptist church at Maplewood cemetery.

The pall-bearers were: Messrs. W. M. Farmer, J. Ed. Woodard, James Woodard, and W. F. Woodard.

[Editor's note: The obituary of Lee P. Woodard, Jr., was included in the November 2011 issue of *Trees of Wilson.*]

The Wilson Advance, April 11, 1895

Charles Ashley Young

Died.

At the residence of his father, on Monday morning last, Charles Ashley the infant son of M. T. and Lula Young. The funeral services were held at the residence on Tuesday evening at 4 o'clock.

BASS CEMETERY

Contributed by J. Albert Bass, Jr.

LOCATION: Black Creek Township. 35 deg., 37.66′ North, 77 deg., 35.68′ West. Located at the end of a path through the fields approx. 0.2 miles north of Alton Road. Said path about 0.5 miles west of US 117.

HISTORY:

Elisha and Arthur Bass, sons of Wright Bass and Annis Umfleet, bought the surrounding property of 440 acres from Washington Turner in the 1840's and there built a house. The location of the house was between the site of the cemetery and what is now Alton Road, about 100 yards west of the path to the cemetery. Said house was demolished in 1984. At some point in the 1850's, Elisha and Arthur divided the property between them. Elisha's part included the house and the site of the cemetery.

There are at least two rows of unmarked graves at the west end of the cemetery. Until well after The War Between the States, stone markers were not used in this area. What was commonly used at the time was a wooden marker with an inscription. These have long since rotted away. Our ancestor, Wright Bass, who died in 1850 may well be buried there, as well as his wife, Annis Umfleet, who died in 1878. Certainly I would expect Wright's son, Elisha Bass, Sr., who died Sept. of 1872, to be buried there. Elisha's first wife, Polly Newsome, who died in 1847 is, I understand, buried in the Newsome Cemetery south of Lucama, but said grave is not marked. Her son, Elisha Bass, Jr., is also buried in the Newsome Cemetery. Elisha, Sr.'s, second wife, Sarah Bass (daughter of Jeremiah Bass and Marium Boswell), who died before 1860 is probably buried there. Elisha's second son, Hardy Bass, who died before 1860 would have been buried there, along with his mother Sarah Bass who also died before 1860. Also Elisha's third and fourth sons, Arthur Bass and Sidney Bass, children of Elisha's third wife, Charity Bass (daughter of Ephraim Bass and Sarah Newsome), both of whom died before 1880 would have been buried there. The other two children of Elisha and Charity were Louetta and Lillie. Louetta is buried in the J. Tomlinson Cemetery, and Lillie is buried in Maplewood. After the death of Elisha, Charity married Silas Lucas, Jr. Charity and Silas, Jr., are buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson.

It is my opinion that the original plot was the western half of the existing cemetery. The eastern half was added to accommodate others who were either neighbors or tenants. There was a law, from colonial times, that land owners had to provide burial grounds for anyone who died on their property. Probably the custom continued even after the law was changed (if it ever has been changed). It is interesting to note, that all of the graves in the western half are Bass kin. None of those in the eastern end are even related.

At the time of my earliest recollection, there was a hog wire fence around the perimeter of the cemetery, with the hog wire supported on 6 x 6 lightwood posts. Said lightwood posts were in bad condition at that time. Anderson Bass, my grandfather, saw to the upkeep of the cemetery. This consisted of getting a couple of black day laborers to go out about once a year and clean it off. Somewhat before he died in 1957, he handed off the responsibility to my father, Albert Bass. Albert Bass undertook a more active roll in the maintenance. He had it thoroughly cleaned off, and mowed it every couple of weeks during the growing season. He also replaced the hog wire fence with 2" cast iron pipe posts with a chain strung between the posts. Also, block pillars were erected at the corners and at the entrance. My mother, Hazel Jeter, planted camellia seedlings in the area of the two rows of unmarked graves.

Before Albert's death in 1985, he handed off responsibility for the upkeep to me. Upkeep reverted to the once a year regimen of my grandfather. This continued until 2011, when responsibility thereto was transferred to Josh Bass, Great grandson of Hardy Bass.

Roster of Tombstones:

CHARLES OTIS BASS, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Bass. Born 1873, he was married to Maggie Bass, daughter of Elisha Bass, Jr., and Nancy Crumpler on Jan. 31, 1900, at the residence of the bride by L. E. Newsome, JP. In June, they were living with John Hayes and his mother Elizabeth, daughter of Jesse & Penelope Bass. There were four children, Elizabeth, Milton, Samuel and Alma. Maggie died in 1910 and Charles in 1912. The oldest child, Elizabeth was 12 at the time. The children were raised in the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh.

EMMA BASS, daughter of Nathan Bass and his first wife, Priscilla Daniel. Born on Oct. 14, 1880, and died Jan. 9, 1893.

HARDY BASS, eldest son of Elisha Bass, Jr., and Nancy Crumpler. Born March 7, 1871, and died Feb. 6, 1941. Married Nancy S. Barnes. The children were Albert, Creston, Bertha, Lelon, Nancy and Archie. After the death of Nancy, Hardy married the widow Newman, Henrietta Jones, daughter of Haywood Jones and Emily Pate. Henrietta died Sept. 24, 1930, and is buried in the Calvin Aycock Cemetery in Wayne Co. Hardy and Henrietta had two children, Jessie May and Bessie Selecta. Hardy's home was located where the water tank now stands at the intersection of US 117 and Morningside Road.

LELON BASS, son of Hardy Bass and Nancy Barnes. Born Nov.6, 1901 and died Sept. 12, 1902.

MAGGIE BASS, daughter of Elisha Bass, Jr., and Nancy Crumpler, was married to Charles Otis Bass on Jan. 31, 1900, at the residence of the bride by L. E. Newsome, JP. In June, they were living with John Hayes and his mother Elizabeth, daughter of Jesse & Penelope Bass. There were four children, Elizabeth, Milton, Samuel and Alma. Maggie died in 1910 and Charles in 1912. The oldest child, Elizabeth (Bettie)

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was 12 at the time. The children were raised in the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh.

NANCY BARNES BASS, daughter of John Thomas Barnes and Mary Belinda Barden of Wayne Co., born on Dec. 12, 1876. Nancy married Hardy Bass, son of Elisha Bass, Jr., and Nancy Crumpler. The children were Albert, Creston, Bertha, Lelon, Nancy and Archie. Nancy died Feb. 7, 1910.

Note: Nancy Barnes was sister to William Arthur Barnes, who married Lula Bass, sister to Hardy Bass. Lula and Wm. Arthur are buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Fremont.

NANCY CRUMPLER BASS, daughter of Wiley Crumpler and Charlotte Pearson of the Salem Church community in Wayne Co. Born in 1848. Married Elisha Bass, Jr., on Dec. 19, 1867. The children were Emma, Hardy, Anderson, Polly, Selby, Lula, Maggie, Yetta and Elisha. The family lived in the home approx. 300 yards SE of the cemetery. Elisha, Jr., died in 1882 and is buried in the Newsome Cemetery south of Lucama. Nancy died on Nov. 10, 1902.

NANCY HOWELL BASS, daughter of Curtis D. Howell and Sophia Deans of the Salem Church community in Wayne Co. She married Nathan Bass on July 26, 1855. The children were Vivian and Nathan Roscoe. The family lived in the home approx. 200 yards SE of the cemetery. Nancy died Oct. 27, 1901.

NATHAN BASS, son of Elisha Bass, Sr., and his second wife, Sarah Bass (dau. of Jeremiah Bass and Marium Boswell). Nathan was born May 11, 1851. Nathan married first, Priscilla Daniel. Married second, Nancy Howell. Nathan's last wife was Patsy Frances Barnes, daughter of William Barnes and Nancy Boyette. Patsy was born on Aug. 8, 1877, died Sept. 14, 1953, and is buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson. The children were Hubert Leonidas and Waldine. The home of Nathan and Patsy was in Lucama. Nathan died Apr. 19, 1926.

Nathan Bass was a relatively wealthy man. He served two terms in the General Assembly, he was a county commissioner in Wilson Co., served on the School Board, was first president of the Lucama Bank. His will was over 40 pages in length.

PRISCILLA DANIEL BASS, daughter of James Daniel and Elephair Tomlinson. She was born Oct. 31, 1859, and married Nathan Bass on Jan. 10, 1878. The children were Ida, Emma, Mae and Sally. The family lived in the home approx. 150 yards SE of the cemetery. Priscilla died Jan. 1, 1888.

J. T. BONE, (John T.), son of Calvin Bone and wife, Mary. Born Jun 18, 1855. Married Mary E. Taylor in 1878. The children were Sally, Sidney, Vida, Mavis, Herman, W. A. and Malessie. John died March 23, 1915. This family was not kin to the Basses. The presumption is that they were neighbors or tenants.

MARY E. BONE, daughter of John Cherry Taylor and wife, Elizabeth, of Nash County. Born in 1861. Married John T. Bone in 1878. The children were Sally, Sidney, Vida, Mavis, Herman, W. A. and Malessie. Mary died in 1936.

W. A. BONE, son of John T. and Mary E. Bone. Born Nov. 3, 1901 and died April 2, 1917.

JOSEPHUS MORGAN, born Sept. 3, 1869, in Onslow Co., the son of Kittrel Morgan and Caroline Stanley. In the 1920 census, he was unmarried, living with his parents near Eureka, on the Lindell – Faro road. He was identified as a farmer. He died May 13, 1937. This family was not kin to the Basses. The presumption is that they were neighbors or tenants.

NANNIE A. MORGAN, born Sept 7, 1868. Died Sept. 18, 1935. Wife of R. B. Morgan. I can find no death certificate for Nannie, which is not all that unusual, nor can I find one for husband, R. B. However, there is an entry for said Robert Benjamin Morgan on Ancestry.com. He was born Oct. 7, 1860, in Onslow Co., son of Kittrel Morgan and Caroline Stanley (therefore the brother of Josephus Morgan). R. B. died Aug. 8, 1960, in Wilson and is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Wilson.

RAY S. MORGAN, (Ray Stanford Morgan), born Nov. 30, 1901, and died July 2, 1936, of tuberculosis. He was the son of Robert Benjamin Morgan and Nannie Allen. He was a farmer, not married. He was probably born in Wayne Co., near Saulston. In the 1930 census, he was living with his parents, four entries removed from Selby Bass.

INFANT PITTMAN. Born March 30, 1902. Died April 2, 1902. Son of E. G. and M. M. Pittman. E. G. and M. M. may have been Edward Graham Pittman and Minnie M. Davis. They were from Kenly. Minnie Davis may have been a daughter of Ruffin Davis. She would therefore be a great grand daughter of Ephraim Bass, as well as a Great grandaughter of Simon Boswell and Ann Cox. Minnie therefore may have been a 3rd cousin of Anderson Bass. The presumption is that they were neighbors or tenants.

THOMPSON CHILDREN, infant twins (son & daughter) of Sallie Bass and James Hendricks Thompson. Born and died March 10, 1915. Sallie Bass was a daughter of Nathan Bass and Priscilla Daniel and the second wife of James Hendricks Thompson.

JAMES A. THOMPSON, born July 7, 1904, and died July 10, 1905. Son of James Hendricks Thompson and Yetta Bass.

MABEL THOMPSON, born Nov 29, 1910, and died Dec 10, 1910. Daughter of James Hendricks Thompson and Yetta Bass.

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ANCESTORS OF PAUL MUSKOPF

Contributed by Paul Muskopf

Paul Lewis Muskopf

Carl Otto Muskopf
b. 04 FEB 1921, Belleville, IL; m. 15 MAR 1946; d. 04 MAY 2013, Belleville IL

John Edwin Muskopf
b. 30 OCT 1890, Stookeytwn., IL; m. 01 JAN 1920; d. 13 JUL 1979, Belleville IL

George John Muskopf
b. 21 APR 1866, Millstart, IL; m. 01 APR 1888; d. 08 JUL 1949, Chester IL

Johannes "John" Muskopf
b. 04 MAR 1839; m. 26 APR 1862; d. 05 MAY 1871

Maria Katharina Probst
b. 23 OCT 1842; d. 17 OCT 1867

Sophia Miller
b. 28 APR 1868, Floraville IL
d. 31 MAY 1943, Belleville IL

Peter Miller. Jr.
b. 15 OCT 1843; m. 12 MAY 1867; d. 01 JUL 1908

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d. 1872

Anna Marie Kraf
b. 13 SEP 1822; d. 16 OCT 1913

Mary Virginia Morris
b. 02 MAY 1924, Oldfields, Wilson Co NC

Willis M. Morris
29 JUL 1884, Wilson Co, NC; m. 05 FEB 1913; d. 06 NOV 1963, Durham NC

Henry (Odam) Morris *
b. 14 FEB 1848, Oldfields, Nash Co., NC m. 14 JUL 1872; d. 10 FEB 1891, Oldfields, Wilson Co., NC

Council Boykin, Sr.
b. 27 JUN 1822; m. 03 JAN 1844
d. betw. 1900-1910

Clara Boykin
b. 02 MAR 1849, Oldfields, Nash Co., NC
d. 17 SEP 1933, Wilson C

Blessing Flowers
b. 20 JUN 1821; d. betw 1880-90

Minnie Estelle Gurganus
b. 31 DEC 1885, Plymouth NC
d. 20 FEB 1980, Wilson NC

John Thomas Gurganus
b. 06 JAN 1852, Plymouth NC; m. 04 FEB 1885; d. 24 SEP 1899, Plymouth NC

Eliphlet Gurganus
b. 1815; d. aft. 1880

Angeline Hetty Ange
b. 25 FEB 1825, d. aft. 1880

Mary Frances Ward
b. 16 MAR 1859, Martin Co., NC; d. 29 JAN 1916, Oldfields, NC

John B. Ward
b. abt 1825; m. 07 FEB 1855; d. 16 MAR 1865

Alpha Jane Kelly
b. APR 1823
d. betw. 1900-1910

* Henry Odam married Clara Boykin in 1872. They were listed in the 1880 census as Henry and Clara Morris along with their children. The name change is part of the family oral history, but no one living knows why the name change was made. Ideas to unravel this mystery would be appreciated.

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WCGS MAY MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2015, 7 PM

The last meeting of the Wilson County Genealogy Society before the summer break was held in the Local History and Genealogy Room of the Wilson County Public Library. Joan Howell, president, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. No treasurer's report was available.

Howell encouraged the membership to visit the Wayne County Public Library to see the baseball exhibit. She said that the exhibit centered around the minor league 1910 Goldsboro Giants. Howell said that the baseball cards and letters were particularly interesting.

Howell asked those present to guess how many preorders there have been for the Resthaven/ Rountree Vick Cemetery book. The person who guessed closest to the correct number will be announced in the next edition of *Trees*. There was no other business to come before the group.

In lieu of a speaker, there was a sharing session. A member brought a case of what he believed to be cemetery desecration in the county to the attention of the group. The authorities have been notified, and hopefully there will be a resolution to the problem soon.

There will be no meeting in June. The next meeting will be September 29, 2015, at the Wilson County Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Webb, Secretary

[Carroll Arthur's guess was closer to the actual number of pre-orders. He will receive a $10 gift certificate.]

(Bass Cemetery, continued from page 69)

YETTA THOMPSON, born Sept. 21, 1881, and died Dec. 5, 1910. Daughter of Elisha Bass and Nancy Crumpler. She was the first wife of J. Hendricks Thompson.

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President's Message

Greetings to All,

The summer is nearly over. I hope it was enjoyable and that you were able do your favorite vacation things!

Our WCGS meetings will resume September 29th, and we look forward to a great year ahead.

It has been two months since our Vol. V of the Wilson County cemetery books series was published, and, although orders have not been impressive, those who have purchased it tell us how very much they appreciate it.

With that project behind us, I have turned again to the Barnes family notes given to me a number of years ago by Hugh Johnston. Some of his material was used in the publication of the *Barnes Narratives* in 2010, but now there are many miscellaneous notes which need to be transcribed. It will not be an easy job, but it needs to be done!

Do you have some projects that you need to complete? Now is the best time! You never know when it will be too late!

Joan L. Howell

NEXT WCGS MEETING
Sept. 29th

We do not meet during the summer months of June, July, or August. Our next meeting will be on September 29th at the library.

Please mark your calendars for the remaining 2015 meetings: September 29
October 27
November 24

We also do not meet in December.

KINDS OF DEEDS.
Tyler Moss, Online Editor, Family Tree University

When property was sold or otherwise transferred, deeds were often recorded, though sometimes long after the actual transfer. A grantor transferred the property to the grantee for a consideration, usually a sum of money. There are several different kinds of deeds:

Warranty deeds are the most common. These are clean title transfers from one party to another. They may not be labeled as warranty deeds.

Deeds of gift convey property from the grantor to the grantee for "love and affection" and usually for a small sum. Sometimes an older adult would sign over property to a younger person in return for lifetime care. Sometimes these deeds state the relationship between the grantor and grantee.

Quitclaim deeds were signed when people released any claim they may have had on a property. Quitclaim deeds aren't proof that the person actually had a valid claim, but when you see a quitclaim deed, you might investigate whether that person had cause to claim an inheritance against the property.

Personal property deeds recorded the sale or transfer of significant personal property which, before the Civil War, included slaves.

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PETITIONS FOR PARDON
Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

State of North Carolina }
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To the President of the United States

The petition of Wm. D. Farmer of the County and state aforesaid respectfully showeth unto your Excellency that according to the terms of the Proclamation of the President of the United States bearing date May 29th AD 1865, he is excluded from the general amnesty by reason of his having held, under the so-called Confederate Government, a civil office. The office so held by your petitioner was that of Post Master for the office Joyners Depot in the county and state aforesaid. One of very small income, and that your petitioner accepted it not so much to aid the rebellion as for the convenience of the community. Your petitioner further shows that he has never done more in aid of the rebellion that he was compelled to do in the payment of taxes. He promises now that he will henceforth faithfully submit to the authority of the United States, and protect & defend the constitution of the same, doing in all things as well becomes a true and loyal citizen of the United States.

He therefore respectfully prays your Excellency to grant to him a special pardon, with a restoration of all his rights of property and the privileges of citizenship. And as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray &c.

/s/ Wm. D. Farmer

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 12 July 1865
Willie Daniel, J. P.

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WILSON SCHOOL LIBRARY CIRCULATION RECORD OF SPRING TERM 1899

Contributed by Joan L. Howell

[Editor's notes: Continued from the May 2014 issue of *Trees of Wilson*. Using the *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900*, by Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe, an attempt has been made to place these students with their families. Some of the names do not appear in the census which may mean that they were boarders or that they were listed in the census with a different first name or they had moved away. In other cases, there were several children with the same name who would have been of the right age, but we did not have enough information to determine which child was the named student.]

Woodard, Dell
Woodard, Henry—b. Mar. 1889, son of John Woodard.
Woodard, Kirby
Woodard, Mary
Woodard, Walter

This completes the circulation record.

GREAT WILSONIANS

Contributed by Perry Morrison

[Editor's note: At our April meeting, Mr. Morrison presented a most enjoyable program, in the format of a "Jeopardy" game, about Wilsonians "who have participated on the national stage." They have had a connection with Wilson but were also notable outside of North Carolina. With his permission, we will include the descriptions of the persons in *Trees of Wilson* and hope you will enjoy trying to name them. The answer will be hidden somewhere within the same issue of Trees.

"I don't know what that young Franklin Delano Roosevelt would have done if I hadn't kept him straight in Washington, DC, when he worked under me while I was Secretary of the Navy.

"I moved to Wilson when I was seven years old and lived in the 100 block of North Tarboro Street beside the old post office, where my mother was the post-mistress. I left Wilson when I was in my 20s to buy a newspaper in Raleigh.

"I helped name the town of Lucama after three of my girlfriends: Lucy, Carrie and Mary.

Who am I?"

LUCAMA DOTS

***Wilson Daily Times*, July 9, 1897**

It continues to be hot and dry.

Mr. William Bryant spent Sunday in town.

Miss Penninah Lamm is visiting friends in Selma.

Miss Effie Lucas visited relatives in Fremont last week.

The young people gave an ice cream supper Friday night which proved to be a success.

Mr. Ruffin Renfrow gave a graphaphonic concert Wednesday night which was enjoyed by all.

OLD ELI ROBBINS AND PRUDENCE GARDNER'S FAMILY

Contributed by Albert R. Page, Sr.

Introduction

The surname Robbins is found plentifully in the records of Edgecombe County by the second half of the 1700's. Some of these Robbins men may have been involved in the French and Indian War (Seven Years War) in the 1750's. Many land records note Robbins transactions with William, Thomas and Jacob Robbins and their descendants before 1800 in Edgecombe County.[1]

It seems that almost all the early writers who have written on the Robbins family such as Hugh B. Johnston, Gladys Robbins, Guins Wrenn and Henry and Sue Powell state that our Eli Robbins under study here was the son of William Robbins, Sr. who it is reported was in the American Revolutionary War.[2]

The headstone over Eli Robbins' grave recorded that he was born the 15th of August 1790, most likely in Edgecombe County. That location today is in the Gardners Township of Wilson County at the junction of Highway 42 and Gardners School Road (SR 1507). Prudence Robbin's marker reports her birth two years later as the 16th of April 1792.[3] Her parents might have been Jonathan and Patsy Gardner who owned land in this exact area. According to the appearance of the birth of their first child, it seems likely that they married sometime around 1812. The first public record found by this writer was in Edgecombe County in 1813 of a fifty acre purchase by "Prudy Robbins" from Jonathan Gardner of land described as being "south of Town Creek."[4]

The Early Years of the Robbins Experience

Researchers such as Johnston and the Powells made lists, as best they could figure out, of the children of Eli and Prudence Robbins.[5] But there is a certain degree of uncertainty associated with the early children born into this family. By 1850 and 1860 when individual names were included in the census enumeration mostly only the last six children can be identified with more certainty. These six children appear to be Henry, Lucinda, James Russell, Levi, Moses and Hansel Robbins.[6]

To this writer there seems to be justification for naming three other siblings, and they would be the older ones not mentioned by name in any early census records. Willie seems to be the oldest with Amos coming next and Martha thereafter.[7] My total number differs just slightly from Johnston and the Powells.

The key piece of evidence found by this writer was the will of sibling Lucinda Robbins which was listed in Wilson County under her married name of Everette in 1899. Her will was written on the 9th of July 1896 and probated in the Wilson County Court on the 14th of November 1899. Lucinda identified, in the distribution of her earthly possessions, some of her nieces and nephews. Eli Robbins (Amos Robbins' son) received 25 acres of her land. John H. Robbins (Amos Robbins' son) and McDonald Robbins (Willie Robbins' son) received $50.00 each. Nephews William, John, Thomas and Harry Robbins (Willie Robbins' sons) received $5.00 each. Five nieces: Kate Wiggins and Martha Forbes (Martha Robbins Carter's daughters), Jedidah Walston and Prudence Johnson (Amos Robbins' daughters) and Mary "Mollie" A. Walston (parents unknown at this point) were to share the home tract of 205 acres. By Lucinda Robbins Everette naming her nieces and nephews in her will, she called attention to her siblings. The weight of evidence here documents the older siblings as that of Willie, Amos and Martha as children of Eli and Prudence Robbins.[8]

To recount again here, the 1850 Edgecombe and 1860 Wilson County Censuses identified six siblings, and Lucinda's will adds the older three making a total of nine in this writer's list. I am going to suggest the following children that I have reason to believe were that of Eli and Prudence Robbins'. Willie Robbins was the oldest as he appears to have been born in 1813. Amos Robbins came next in order as he was born on the 24th of August 1814.[9] Martha Robbins was born in 1817. The later children were: Henry W. Robbins born in 1823; Lucinda, born the 13th of July 1824,[10] James Russell Robbins, born in 1827; Levi, came in 1829; Moses, birthed in 1831; and W. Hansel Robbins was the last child, born in 1834.

Eli and Prudence Robbins' Edgecombe County Real Estate Investment

As these Robbins can be traced in the census records, they also can be found in the real estate records of Edgecombe County. The Agricultural Schedule in the 1850 and 1860 census reported the land base of farmers at that time. This writer personally found thirteen Edgecombe County deeds in which these Robbins mostly bought land and sold almost no land that they purchased. From the first acquisition in 1813 to the last in 1852 Eli and Prudence accumulated over one thousand (1000) acres of land in their life time.[11] Compared to some, they were either lucky or they proceeded to be excellent managers and farmers during the five decades of their working years since they were able to earn and retain a good fortune without any meaningful loses.[12]

It appears Eli Robbins may have inherited something along with his brothers and sisters from their late father William Robbins, Sr., in 1831. The will states that grandsons Moses and Willie Robbins got land after William Robbins' wife Phebe Robbins died.[13]

Eli and Prudence Robbins bought one hundred sixty-five (165) acres in two separate purchases in the decade of the 1810s from Jonathan and Patsy Gardner.[14] In 1827 they bought eleven (11) more acres from Jonathan and Patsy Gardner.[15] In 1830 the Robbins purchased four (4) acres in their same area from Joab Moore.[16]

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Seven months later they made a big purchase of two hundred fifty (250) acres from Joseph J. and Elizabeth Pender.[17] In 1834 Eli and Prudence bought 100 acres from Willie Robbins next to their own land base.[18] In 1841 they bought about 222 acres from James Barron to add to their nearly 500 acres.[19] In 1843 Eli and Prudence Robbins made their largest purchase of land from Willie Robbins which was 416 acres that Willie was heavily in debt for and could not pay the debt.[20]

That recent increase in land brought their total to over 900 acres. They must have acquired additional property because the Edgecombe County Census for 1850 reported they owned 100 cleared acres and 1185 unimproved acres. The census reported that their real estate was worth $3,000. It was stated in the report that they had horses, cows, cattle, sheep and hogs. On their farm, they grew corn, peas, sweet potatoes, and hay, and they produced butter and wool.[21]

In all their industry, they were assisted by one 36 year old female and one 25 year old male slave.[22] They must have had several tenant farm families to help them with their cleared land production. Eli and Prudence made their last land purchase, that this writer found, in Edgecombe County on October 20, 1852, when they bought one and a half (1.5) acres from John Flora.[23] By that time Eli and Prudence Robbins were sixty years of age.

The decade of the 1850's saw this family concentrate on their holdings. They increased the number of cleared acres they had been working during the previous years. After a long life of productive effort, mother Prudence Gardner Robbins died at the age of 66 on February 4, 1858.[24] She was buried by the family in the family graveyard 400 feet south of the Wilson and Tarboro Road. It is likely that the family had buried there others who had died before Prudence such as possibly children Martha, Henry, Levi and Moses Robbins.[25] The decade of the 1850's must have been a financially strong period because, by 1860, the Eli Robbins family's resources were the best they had ever been as they were reported to have been worth $10,910. Two thirds of that figure was in five slaves.[26]

The War Years and the Last Decade of This Robbins Family

It might not have been obvious to many, but in the five decades that Eli and Prudence Robbins had already lived they had been through some difficult historical periods. They were hardly married when the United States became involved in the "Second Revolution." This time around it was called "The War of 1812" and with England again. A search of the book *Muster Rolls of the Soldiers of the War of 1812* did not turn up Eli Robbins as a soldier. Units did serve from Edgecombe County, and some stress must have been felt by almost all of the people.

Some years later the Texas Revolt took place in 1836, and that drew some men from the United States to assist. Eli Robbins did not serve there, but no doubt almost all in the United States followed the results in the newspapers.

In 1846 through 1848, the United States became involved with Mexico over interest in the southwestern area. Even though Eli Robbins did not personally serve in the Mexican campaign, his son Henry W. Robbins did.[27] Henry seems to have survived, but his family back home in Edgecombe County worried for his safety as did all others for their loved ones.

The decade of the 1850's was saturated with problems of many types that created great concern for all people in the United States. The likes of the Great Compromise of 1850 stressed all as the United States extended statehood and territorial status to the Pacific Ocean. The ever continuing issue of what to do about slavery came to the forefront of politics forcefully many times and almost to war for the country.

The presidential elections in the decade were very stressful for all sections of the country and especially for the South. The Utah War in 1857 was a minor conflict generally but still a thorn in the public's side. The announcement of the discovery of gold in California in 1849 was on the plus side of positivism for the public.

The upcoming election of 1860 was to be the big straw that broke the country's back. After Abraham Lincoln was elected, on the 20th of December 1860, the state of South Carolina announced their secession movement that forced the country down a path that the wise never wanted.

Eli, Prudence and their family, like all others especially in the South, sat on the edge not sure what the future held for them. In 1860, no one knew the cost that the Civil War would impose on families all over the United States. All were caught in a serious situation, like a flood, which just moved everyone and everything forward very unpleasantly.

When the 1860 census was taken in Wilson County, economically speaking, Eli Robbins and his children left at home likely felt the best they had ever had the opportunity to experience. They owned about thirteen hundred (1300) acres of land and all together their financial worth was valued at over ten thousand dollars ($10,000).[28] On the surface they were never better off. As the War rolled on it drew this family into the impossible.

Sons James Russell and Hansel enlisted by about 1862. First cousin Mac Robbins also joined, and they all served in Company I of the 17th Regiment of North Carolina State Troops.[29] As the boys went to war Eli and Prudence Robbins found themselves by this time with fewer and fewer hands to help on their large farm. There had been many able bodied men around before the War, but, by now, more and more men were being recruited because of the

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demand for greater numbers of fighting men on the battlefield.

In addition to the loss of sons James Russell and Hansel, this writer cannot account for three other sons as they seem to have dropped off the written record by 1860. It is possible that Henry W., Levi and Moses Robbins may have died before this time.[30]

Among points of consideration here is the difficulty of cultivating all the land compared to the years before the War. Eli Robbins had plenty of problems with farm production as the time and war years passed. However, no problem could measure up with the bad news of late summer in 1864 when Eli received the report that his beloved sons Hansel and James Russell Robbins had been killed as the Confederate Army defended Petersburg, Virginia.[31] The picture that can be drawn now of Eli Robbins' family is not pleasant as compared to the previous years not long ago in their past. They must have asked themselves ... "What more bad can happen to us from here on out?"

The family had been reduced down from eleven to four (Eli, Willie, Amos and Lucinda). In April of 1865 when the War ended Eli Robbins lost nearly $8,000 or eighty percent of his life time accumulation of wealth when his slaves were freed. Thereafter the future had never looked so unpromising. He was an old seventy-five year old man deprived of most of his family as they had preceded him to the family graveyard. Evidence pretty much seems to suggest that he had made few plans for his future. In 1858 he had made provisions by deeding half of his real estate to James Russell, Hansel and Lucinda.[32] Just before he died on the 6th of May 1866, he made records to pass the last three hundred fifty-three (353) acres to his deceased daughter Martha Robbins Carter's three daughters: Martha, Caroline and Catherine.[33] Most of their lives, Eli and Prudence Robbins enjoyed very good times. It seems likely Eli's last decade was his most difficult life experience.

Endnotes and Comments

1. Under the surname Robbins, see the "General Index to Deeds and Mortgages of Real Estate, Edgecombe County", pg. 341, Edgecombe County Register of Deeds Office, Tarboro, N. C.
2. Refer to Hugh B. Johnston's *The Robbins Family of Virginia, North Carolina and Mississippi*, under the name "Eli Robbins;" Gladys Robbins Quins Wrenn's *The Robbins Family From Virginia to Texas*, under the name "Eli Robbins;" & Sue Evans Powell & Henry Powell's *Wilson County's Founding Families*, under the name "Robbins" pg. 350-353. These sources can be found in the Wilson County Public Library, Wilson, N. C.
3. The Eli Robbins graveyard today is located on the property owned by Jose & Rhonda Thorne Arizpe just east of the Gardners School and south of Hwy. 42. Pictures of the headstones can be found on Billy Womble's picture contribution to the website: findagrave.
4. Register of Deeds Office, Tarboro, N. C. db. 14, pg. 427.
5. Same as no. 2 above.
6. Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., *The 1850 Federal Census Edgecombe County, North Carolina*, pg. 32, no. 889, "Eli Robbins" and Joan L. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina Federal Census of 1860*, pg. 79, no. 756, "Elisha Robbins."
7. Johnston and the Powells do not include Amos Robbins in their list.
8. J. Robert Boykin, III, *Abstracts of Wills, Wilson County, North Carolina*, pg. 29-30, "Lucinda Everette."
9. Joan L. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina Cemeteries, Vol. 1*, pg. 137, "Amos Robbins Cemetery."
10. Same source above, pg. 70, "Eli Robbins Cemetery."
11. Same source as no. 1 above, pg. 342-345.
12. Eli Robbins was last listed on the Wilson County 1860 census (same as source no. 6). His financial value was listed as $3,250 in 350 cleared acres and 950 unimproved acres. He also had five slaves worth $7,660.
13. Ruth Smith Williams & Margarette Glenn Griffin, *Abstracts of the Wills of Edgecombe County, North Carolina*, pg. 279, "William Robbins."
14. Same source as no. 1, db. 14, pg. 427 & db. 00, pg. 139.
15. " db. 19, pg. 123.
16. " db. 20, pg. 66.
17. " db. 20, pg. 101.
18. " db. 21, pg. 296.
19. " db. 23, pg. 76.
20. " db. 23, pg. 269.
21. Same source as no. 6 for Edgecombe Co., pg. 32, no. 889; "Agriculture Schedule" pg. 112, no. 316.
22. Same as above, pg. 79, no. 322.
23. Same source as no. 1, db. 26, pg. 231.
24. Joan L. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina Cemeteries, Vol. 1*, pg. 71.
25. Same source as no. 2. Hugh B. Johnston stated that Martha Ann Robbins died the 13th of April in 1843. She and her husband John Carter had three daughters: Carolina, Catherine & Martha. Henry, Levi & Moses Robbins were not found in the records after the 1850's.
26. Same source as no. 12.
27. Albert R. Page, Sr., "Edgecombe County In The Mexican War: 1846-1848," Part II in *Trees of Wilson*, May 2000, pg. 3-4.
28. Same as no. 12.
29. Weymouth T. Jordan, Jr., *North Carolina Troops 1861-1865 A Roster, Vol. VI*, pg. 278 for Hansel, James R. & McD. Robbins.
30. No headstones were found in the Eli Robbins graveyard for these sons.
31. Same source as no. 29.
32. Register of Deeds Office, Wilson County Courthouse, Wilson, N. C., db. 1, pg. 371.
33. Same source as above db. 2, pg. 404.

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OBITUARIES

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Wilson Daily Times, February 10, 1911

DEATH OF MISS ELDIE AMERSON.

After hovering for several days between life and death the spirit of Eldie Amerson last night at about eleven thirty o'clock took its flight to the eternal beyond. While her relatives and friends had feared for some time that death was near, still they were not prepared for the sad announcement that the end had come and their griefstricken [sic.] hearts are inconsolable. Especially is her fond mother's heart broken for one by one, her children had passed away and only Eldie had been spared to her. As the family circle drew smaller with the successive deaths of husband, two daughters and one son, her affection for the remaining child steadily increased, and a mutual feeling of adoration existed between them. But this last link was ___ to be broken asunder just as maidenhood was ripening into womanhood and death again ruthlessly claimed its own.

Miss Amerson was twenty years of age. She possessed those beautiful traits of character that compelled the admiration of those who were only casually acquainted with her. Her sweet sunny disposition, aside from her beauty and attractiveness, made her companionship much sought by her friends and she will be greatly missed. She was a member of the Christian church of Wilson. The funeral will be conducted from the home on Vance street tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock by Rev. S. P. Spiegel, pastor of the Christian church, and Rev. E. A. Edwards, pastor of the Episcopal church.

[Editor's notes: In the Wilson County 1900 Census, Lucy Amason, b. June 1857 (8 births, 2 living children), and her daughter Elda, b. Sept. 1889, lived in the Wilson Township household of Paul G. and Martha Turner. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe.

Eldie Amerson, b. 11 SEP 1889, d. 05 DEC 1911; and Lucie Amerson, interred 17 APR 1924; were buried in Maplewood Cemetery. Also buried in the same section were George W. Amerson, b. 05 NOV 1860, d. 06 DEC 1932; Nannie L. Amerson, b. 02 1860, d. 29 SEP 1900, wife of George Amerson; and Wealthy Floors Amerson, b. 1862, d. 07 AUG 1914, wife of George W. Amerson. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Volume IV,* Joan L. Howell

Seth Amerson, 19, married Lucie Amerson, 17, on Jan. 1, 1874, in Wilson. Geo. Amerson, 20, married Nannie Ruffin Dec. 22 1881, at Mrs. Ruffin's. *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* J. Robert Boykin, III]

Wilson Daily Times, July 19, 1911

DAVIS INFANT

INFANT DIES.

The two months old child of Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, of Old Fields township, died yesterday and was buried today.

[Editor's note: This may have been Infant son of G. T. and Ida L. Davis, b. 01 JUL 1911, d. 17 JUL 1911, (if he was two weeks instead of two months old). *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. II*, Joan L. Howell]

Wilson Daily Times, September 6, 1911

MRS. JAMES ELLIS.

Mrs. James Ellis of the Wilbank's section passed away yesterday and was buried this evening.

The deceased was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

She was only 22 years of age and leaves a husband and one child with whom we deeply sympathize in their bereavement.

Zion's Landmark, June 1, 1902

MARTHA A. GRIFFIN

I will try to write a few words in remembrance of my dear mother, Martha A. Griffin (nee Martha A. Proctor). She was born Jan. 8, 1843, and died Oct. 13, 1910, making her stay on earth 67 years, 9 months and 5 days. In 1867 she was married to James Haverson Griffin, to which union were born eight children, all of which survive her but one daughter.

There never was a more faithful wife and mother. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church 35 years before her death and always filled her seat unless in case of sickness. She had an inward cancer and her sufferings were dreadful but she bore her affliction with much patience. She would often say it is all right, the Lord's will must be done.

She told us when she was first sick she was going to die and that we must trust in God and not in man, for He has promised to be a Father to the fatherless. Oh, how great the loss when one so loved is taken but I hope our loss is her eternal gain. She would often repeat the song

"A few more days on earth to spend
And all my toils and cares shall end,
And I shall see my God and friend,
And praise His name on high.
No more to sigh or shed a tear,
No more to suffer pain or fear.
But God, and Christ and heaven appear
Unto the raptured eye."

She told us she dreaded the sting of death and would often pray to the Lord to make death easy. When death struck her she reached out her hand and said, farewell, I am going home. She kissed us good-bye and told us it was our last good-bye on earth but hoped we would meet in heaven. She talked as long as she could. About an hour before she died she repeated:

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weap [sic.]."

All was done for her that loving children, kind friends and physician could do but none could stay

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the hand of death. Her funeral was preached by Elder Frank Farmer after which she was laid to rest in the family burying ground. Written by her daughter.

RUTH.

Wilson Daily Times, June 8, 1911

MARY E. MOORE HADLEY
MRS. JOHN C. HADLEY DEAD.

The death of Mrs. John C. Hadley, which occurred at 11:30 this morning, will be received with sincere sorrow by a large number of warm, personal friends in this and other sections of the State.

As announced in these columns yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Hadley has been in failing health for some time and a stay at Seven Springs was thought would prove beneficial. She grew worse, however, and was brought home Tuesday, and today her spirit took its flight to the God who gave it. Mrs. Hadley was beloved by all who came in contact with her, and her splendid qualities of head and heart and noble Christian virtues left an ineffaceable influence.

She leaves a husband, one of the largest merchants in Eastern Carolina, and two daughters. The eldest, the wife of our representative, Hon. George W. Connor, and Mrs. A. F. Williams, the wife of a prominent physician of this city.

At this hour the funeral arrangements have not been completed.

[Editor's notes: Jno. C. Hadley, son of Thos. And Amelia Hadley, was married to Mary A. Moore, daughter of Edmond Moore, on 07 DEC 1868, at the Methodist Church, by Peter Hines, minister. *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899*, J. Robert Boykin, III.

In the Wilson County 1860 Census, Thomas Hadley, 62, farmer, was listed in Wilson District. Living with him were Millicent, 52; Margaret, 34; Thomas J., 22; Harriet, 16; John, 14; Sallie Moye, 24; Caroline Moye, 6; and Ella Moye 4. Edmund Moore, 46, farmer, lived in the Town of Wilson. Living with him were Harriet L, 38; John R., 17; Mary E., 15; and Claud H., 11. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1860*, Joan L. Howell.

In the 1870 Wilson County Census, Jno. Hadley, 25, farmer, and Mary E., 25, were listed in Wilson Township. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1870*, Joan L. Howell.

According to the 1880 Wilson County Census, John C. Hadley, 35, store clerk, lived on Pettigrew St., Wilson. Living with him were his wife Mary E., 35; and daughters Bessie, 8, and Margaret, 3. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1880*, J. Robert Boykin

The 1900 Wilson County Census, listed John Hadley, merchant, b. Mar 1845; and his wife of 31 years, Marry Hadley, b. Mar 1845 (3 births, 2 living); and their daughter Maggie, b. Oct 1877; in Wilson Township. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900*, Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe.

Mary E. Hadley, b. 16 MAR 1845, d. 08 JUN 1911; and John C. Hadley, b. 13 MAR 1845, d. 25 JAN 1922, CSA; were buried in Maplewood Cemetery. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Volume IV*, Joan L. Howell]

Wilson Daily Times, September 1, 1911

MR. SAM MARSHBURN, JR., DEAD.

Mr. Sam Marshburn, Jr., a prominent merchant of Spring Hope and son of Mr. Sam Marshburn of Nash county who has a number of warm friends in Wilson passed away this morning as a result of a protracted case of typhoid fever.

Mr. Marshburn was 35 years of age, left a wife and several children and was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. He was also a nephew of Mr. James Marshburn of this city. He will be buried tomorrow afternoon.

Wilson Daily Times, June 6, 1911

FUNERAL OF DR. MERRITT.

Dr. J. W. Merritt breathed his last at six o'clock Saturday evening, and at five yesterday afternoon was laid to rest in Maplewood cemetery.

The services were conducted in the Christian church by Revs. Blanchard of the Missionary Baptist church; Speigel, of the Christian, and Dr. Caldwell, President of Atlantic Christian College.

Mr. Blanchard opened with prayer. Mr. Speigel made some appropriate remarks concerning the deceased whom he referred to as a man who had suffered much from illness, and described his conversion when he joined the church some two months ago. Dr. Caldwell closed the service with prayer.

The choir was composed of Mr. Spiegel [sic.] Miss Harriett Settle and Messrs. J. J. Privett and H. D. Brown.

The deceased resided on Spring street, was a prominent veterinary [sic.] of this city.

[Editor's notes: J. W. Merritt, Dr., b. 31 JUL 1877, d. 03 JUN 1911, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Volume IV*, Joan L. Howell.

Spring Street has since been renamed Lodge Street because some portions of the street had an unsavory reputation. The more respectable residents of the street wished to disassociate themselves with the connotation Spring Street had.]

Wilson Daily Times, August 18, 1911

MRS. ANNIE ROBBINS DEAD.

Mrs. Annie Robbins, seventeen years of age, and united in marriage the 12th day of May to Mr. Connie Robbins, departed this life at her home in the Wilbanks section yesterday. The young lady was a very attractive woman and highly esteemed by all who knew her. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. Robbins in the loss of his wife.

The interment occurred in Stott's cemetery, near Wilbanks.

ALFRED HUBERT EVANS
Contributed by Sue Evans Powell

Terry Koch-Bostic, in her talk, "Intuition and Genealogy Success: A Sixth Sense, Chance, Coincidence, or Serendipity?" at the National Genealogical Society's Annual Conference, said that our research findings might fit into either of those categories. She advised us to be alert for the possibilities for additional information and to follow them where they might take us. We never know what we may learn.

Chance

A high school classmate asked me to go with her to the North Carolina Baseball Museum which is located in Wilson. Neither of us had been before but had heard that it was worthy of a visit.

My friend is an avid baseball fan and was soon caught up in the impressive collection. On the other hand, I knew very little about the men and the memorabilia which were on display there. I began looking at the alphabetical arrangement of major league players who were born in North Carolina.

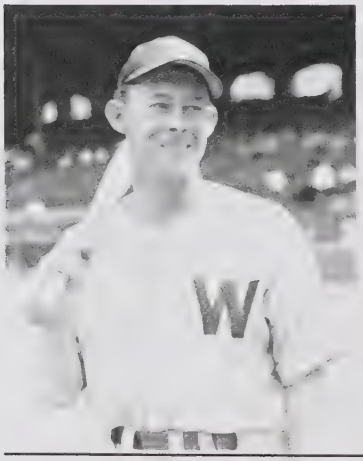
I spotted one for Alfred "Al" Hubert Evans who was born September 28, 1916, in Kenly, North Carolina, and played for the Washington Senators (1939-1942, 1944-1950) and the Boston Red Sox (1951). He sparked my interest for two reasons.

Kenly, N. C., is just a few miles south of Wilson on Highway 301, so we would think of him as a "local." However, the more exciting reason was his last name—the same as my maiden name. Since my ancestors had lived in the Wayne County, N. C., area for generations, I wanted to find out more about him and if we could be related.

I went to Wikipedia.org, familysearch.org, and the Heritage Center in Smithfield and found biographical and family information. The June 15-21, 2014, issue of *Kenly News* carried this article about Al.

"Kenly's Al Evans made it to the Majors "Only baseball player from the town to ever play Major League Baseball

"Since the formation of major league baseball in 1871 almost 20,000 players have performed in the big leagues but only one, Al Evans, still remains as the only player ever to be from Kenly and make it to the majors.



"Evans was a catcher with the Washington Senators from 1939 until 1950 and several of Kenly's longtime baseball fans got together last week to talk baseball and reminisce about Al Evans and what they remembered about him.

"Evans was born in Kenly on Sept. 28, 1916 and attended Oak Ridge Military Academy in Oak Ridge.

"He began his baseball career in the textile leagues playing for Chiquola Mill, S. C. in 1936 and Equinox Mill in 1937 and was signed as a free agent by the Washington Senators in 1937.

"He advanced to the Class B Charlotte Hornets where he played in 1938 and 1939 and was called up by the Senators and made his major league debut on Sept. 13, 1939 going 1-3 against the Chicago White Sox.

"Evans appeared in seven games that season and in 1940 he was the Senators back-up catcher hitting .320 during limited duty but by spring training the next year was being considered for the starting job behind veteran catcher Rick Ferrell. ...

"Evans played in 74 games in 1942 and hit .229 prior to enlisting in the Navy after the 1942 season.

"He served until May of 1944 and was the starting catcher on the Norfolk Naval Air Station baseball team.

"According to the Washington Post, in 1942 Evans 'possessed one of the better throwing arms among the league's catchers and fair batting power when he went into the service.'

"He returned to the Senators in 1945 playing behind Rick Ferrell, became the first-string catcher in 1946 and shared duties with Ferrell in 1947.

"Evans was best known as a defensive catcher and in 1949 was named best defensive catcher in the American League with a fielding percentage of .993 for 107 games and only three errors.

"1949 was his best year and the only season in which he played in 100 games but it was also his last year in the majors.

"His .992 mark led the American League in fielding percentage although he hit just .235.

"Over his 12 years in the majors, Evans had a batting average of .250, a fielding percentage of .979, scored 188 runs and drove in 211.

"After a very respectable major league career he spent four seasons in the minors playing with the Louisville Colonels (1952-53), Los Angeles Angels (1954-55) and Norfolk Tars (1955).

"During his minor league career he played 510 games and had a .274 batting average.

"Following his playing days Evans held a number of positions as a minor league manager beginning in 1955 with the Norfolk Tars followed by stints with the Seminole Oilers, Abilene Blue Sox, Little Rock Travelers and Albany Senators. ...

"Evans finished his active career by managing the Charlotte Hornets from 1963 through 1965 but afterwards remained in baseball by working as a scout for the Minnesota Twins and the San Francisco Giants for 15 years. ..."

Wikipedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al_Evans) added that Al was 5 ft. 11 in., weighed 190 lb., and batted and threw right-handed. "Basically a contact, line-drive hitter, Evans was a fine reserve catcher with a strong throwing arm. ... "In a 12-season

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career Evans was a .250 hitter (514-for-2053) with 13 home runs and 211 RBI in 704 games, including 188 runs, 70 doubles, 23 triples, 14 stolen bases, and a .332 on-base percentage. In 647 catching appearances, he recorded 2295 outs, 284 assists, 51 double plays, and committed 56 errors in 2635 chances for a .979 fielding percentage.

SABR's BIOPROJECT (http://sabr.org/bioproj/person/fef41b90) described him "as a defensive catcher, and in 1949 he was named the best defensive catcher in the American League, sporting a fielding percentage of .993 for 107 games with only three errors. ..."

Family of Alfred Hubert Evans

The websites said that Al died in Wilson County, so I went to the Wilson County Register of Deeds to locate death certificates of his family. I was able to locate death certificates for Alfred, his father John Thomas, and two of Al's brothers, Clifton Henry Evans and William Cecil Evans.

Alfred Hubert Evans's death certificate gave this information:
b. 29 SEP 1916, in Johnston County, N. C.; d. 06 APR 1979, from Acute Myocardial Infarction, in Wilson Memorial Hospital, Wilson, N. C.; resided on Rt. 1, Kenly, Johnston County, N. C.; was buried in the Kenly Cemetery, Kenly, N. C.; his occupation was given as professional baseball player; his parents were John Thomas Evans and Sally Ann Pittman Evans. His wife Inez Williams Evans survived him.

John Thomas Evans's death certificate gave this information:
b. 04 JUN 1880, in Wilson Co., N. C.; d. 25 MAR 1947, from Cerebral Hemorrhage with paralysis due to hypertension in Carolina General Hospital, Wilson, N. C.; resided on Rt. 1, Kenly, Johnston Co., N. C.; was buried in Pittman Grove Cemetery, Rt. 1, Kenly, N. C.; his occupation was given as farming; his father was Gaston Evans (mother's name not known by the informant, Alfred Evans, Orlando, Fla. address). His wife Sallie Ann Pittman Evans survived him.

From the record of the Revell/Peel Cemetery where Gaston J. Evans, b. JUN 1843, d. 03 AUG 1921, was buried, we learn that Gaston's wife was Elizabeth, b. 07 JUL 1843, d. FEB 1902. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume I*, Joan L. Howell.

Clifton Henry Evans's death certificate gave this information:
b. 22 DEC 1918, in Johnston Co., N. C., d. 04 SEP 1978, from acute cardiac failure, due to acute myocardial infarction, arteriosclerotic heart disease, and essential vascular hypertension, in Wilson, N. C.; died prior to arrival at the hospital; resided on Rt. 1, Kenly, N. C.; was buried in Kenly Cemetery, Kenly, N. C.; his occupation was given as self-employed carpenter; his parents were John Thomas Evans and Sally Ann Pittman Evans. His wife Leora Blackman Evans survived him.

William Cecil Evans's death certificate gave this information:
b. 05 APR 1910, in N. C.; d, 25 MAY 1976, from acute myocardial infarction, in Wilson Memorial Hospital, Wilson, N. C.; resided on Rt. 3, Kenly, N. C.; was buried in Kenly Cemetery, Kenly, N. C.; his occupation was given as farmer; his parents were John Thomas Evans and Sallie Ann Pittman Evans. His wife Ethel Barbee Evans survived him.

FamilySearch.org gave additional information about Al's ancestry. It was there that I learned that John Thomas Evans was the son of Gaston and Elizabeth Evans. When the 1880 census was taken, they lived in Oneal Township, Johnston County, N. C. The census day was June 1st. just days before John Thomas' birth on June 4, so he was not listed as a member of the household. Those listed were Gaston, 32; his wife Elizabeth, 32; daughters Lula, 7; Lany, 6; Ellen, 5; sons William, 3; James, 2; Euton [Jesse N.], 0 [5 mos., born 29 DEC 1879].

Gaston J. Evans, b. June 1843, d. 03 AUG 1921; Elizabeth Evans, b. 07 JUL 1843, d. FEB 1902; and their son Jesse N., b. 29 DEC 1879, d. 24 NOV 1895; were buried in Spring Hill Township of Wilson County. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume I*, Joan L. Howell.

My earlier research into census, estates, and land records, revealed that Gaston Evans was the son of Thomas and Cherry Barnes Evans. Thomas and Cherry had five children: Arthur, b. c. 1830; Nancy, b. 04 AUG 1836; Cherry, b. 01 MAR 1840; Martha, b. c. 1842; and Gaston, b. c. 1847.

So now I know that Alfred Evans is one of my collateral relatives. His grandfather and my great grandfather, Arthur Evans, were brothers.

Searching on e-bay, I found baseball cards and photographs of Al Evans some of which I purchased. One of those photographs demonstrates what I would call "Serendipity."

I have a portrait of Arthur Evans, my great grandfather, which I have been told is in a medium used years after his death. I have speculated that the portrait was made from a daguerreotype. He wrote from the Richmond, Virginia, area in 1862 that he planned to have one made. When I compared the portrait with Al's photograph, I observed that the two men had the same facial features. Al Evans is on the left; Arthur Evans is on the right.

ANCESTORS OF TRUDY ANN BARNES

Contributed by Trudy Ann Barnes

Trudy Ann Barnes
(living)

John Wayne Barnes
b. 26 JUL 1944, Johnston Co NC; m. 07 NOV 1934; d. 04 MAR 1983, Wilson NC

Melvin Gray Barnes
b. 26 MAY 1914, Great Swamp Twp, NC
m. 07 MAR 1983

Charlie Bennett Barnes
b. 11 NOV 1889, Wayne Co NC
m. 23 JAN 1910
d. 10 AUG 1949, Wilson Co NC

Elias Barnes
b. 12 AUG 1849, m. bef 1880
d. 23 APR1926

Mary F. Cook
b. 24 SEP 1859, d. 13 MAY 1924

Mary Clarice Daubigny
b. 02 JAN 1892, Wilson Co, NC
d. 19 AUG 1982, Wilson NC

Charlie Daubigny

Martha Phelps
b. abt 1867, d. 26 MAR 1937

Lila Gertrude Smith
b. 11JUL 1908, NC
d. 10 SEP 1972, Wilson NC

William Julius Smith
b. 22 DEC 1865; m. 07 DEC 1892
d. 12 JUL 1954,
Princeton NC

Josiah S. Smith
b. abt 1828, d. abt 1954

Martha "Patsy" Jane Parnell

Mahala Ann Clayton
b. 08 FEB 1874, Wayne Co, NC
d. 12 OCT 1941,
Fremont NC

James Daniel Clayton

Elsie Irene Brown

Linda Faye Foster
(living)

___ Peaden

Mazie Lucille Parker
(living)

Wilburn Parker
b. 14 JUN 1901, AL; m. 03 JUL 1923
d. 01 JUN 1970, Atmore AL

Edd Parker
b. abt May 1876; m. abt 1896
d. 1921

Ella Nelson
b. 15 JUL 1878; d. 30 JAN 1965

Allie Reah McDowell
b. 24 NOV 1906, Rabun AL
d. 20 AUG 1994, Pensacola FL

Josephine Mae McDowell
b. 15 DEC 1884
d. 16 MAR 1944

NEW PUBLICATION: *WILSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, CEMETERIES V*

This, the fifth book of records of the cemeteries in Wilson County, contains data about the two city owned African-American cemeteries. There are alphabetical listings of 11,472 burials in Rest Haven Cemetery and 590 burials in Rountree/Vick Cemetery, many without grave markers.

Order your copy now. $35 plus $5 for S&H. N. C. residents should add $2.36 to cover state sales tax.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **U. S. Federal Census Images & Census Viewer free for everyone**. The Mocavo Team has announced that for the first time anywhere, the indexes and images for all U. S. Federal Census are available for free to everyone on Mocavo.

"We're continuing the fight to bring billions of records, stories, and images to the world, and today's announcement is a big one for us and - we hope - the community we care so much about.

"Search the Census here and explore the images using our Census Viewer for free."

As with all census research, you may need to try surname and first name variations.

Saturday Genealogy Program, Archives/ State Library Building, Room 208, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh N. C., 10-11 am: August 22, 2015, **Using Private Collections for Genealogical Research.** A discussion of the kinds of information that can be found in the private collections of the Government and Heritage Library and State Archives.

• **NCGS Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting** will be held at the McKimmon Center at 1101 Gorman Street in Raleigh on 3 October 2015. The topic of the day will be "Using Migration Patterns and Research Methods to Track Your Ancestors." Four lectures will be presented by the featured speaker, J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA.

• **Edgecombe County Genealogical Society** usually meets at the Edgecombe County Memorial Library, in Tarboro, N. C., at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month.

• **Greene County Family Researchers** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Greene County Museum in Snow Hill, N. C

• **Old Dobbs Genealogical Society** meets at 10:30 am the third Saturday of each calendar quarter, at the Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, N. C.

• **Tar River Connections Genealogical Society** meets at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except Dec., at the Braswell Memorial Library in Rocky Mount, N. C.

• **Pitt County Family Researchers** meet at 7:00 pm, third Tuesdays, at Sheppard Memorial Library, 530 Evans St., Greenville, N. C.

• **Farmville, N. C., Ancestor Seekers** meet 10 am to 12 noon the second Saturday of each month at the Farmville Public Library.

Josephus Daniels

WCGS MEETING MINUTES

There are no minutes to print since we did not meet in June. Our next meeting will be September 29, 2015.

TOP FREE WEBSITES FOR OBITUARIES

Tyler Moss, Online Editor, Family Tree University

For many of our ancestors, the only biographies ever written about them were their obituaries. These newspaper clippings often provide dates and places of birth and death, relatives' names, occupations and religious affiliations. Instead of borrowing microfilmed newspapers on interlibrary loan, you now can access many obituaries online. Here are six databases where you can sift through free obituaries to look for ancestral connections:

1. Legacy.com
2. ObituaryDepot
3. Tributes.com
4. Ancestorhunt.com
5. Obituary Daily Times
6. Obituary Central

[Editor's note: A finding aide has been placed in the Genealogy and Local History Room of Wilson County Public Library listing the names of persons whose obituaries or death notices have been included in *Trees of Wilson*. This list contains nearly 900 names at present and grows with each issue. The list is in alphabetical order and gives a reference to the corresponding issue of *Trees*. The library has the past issues of *Trees*.]

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Note: Please see next page for additional items that are available for purchase.

Census records abstracted by J. Albert Bass with family data added from his files.

___	1880 Wilson County, Black Creek Township	$32.00
___	1880 Wilson County, Crossroads Township	$22.00
___	1900 Wilson County, Spring Hill Township	$16.00
___	1850 Johnston County, District 9	$16.00
___	1850 Johnston County, District 10	$26.00
___	1860 Johnston County, East of the Neuse	$23.00
___	1870 Johnston County, Bulah Township	$10.00
___	1850 Wayne County, North of the Neuse	$65.00
___	1860 Wayne County, Davis District	$ 5.00
___	1860 Wayne County, Fork District	$ 5.00
___	1860 Wayne County, Nahunta District	$16.00
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President's Message

We are about to resume meetings after the summer break, and I am excited to get back in the swing of things!

Our meetings are well attended, with fifteen or twenty faithful members attending each month, a number of them senior citizens. Although we would like to see our attendance grow and include more younger members that is slow in happening.

Other genealogical societies seem to be in the same position. As we reach retirement age, perhaps we have more time (but sometimes less energy to take on new projects). The young are busy and have less time but more of the enthusiasm that is needed to become involved.

Your society needs more active participation and involvement. We need persons who are willing to accept leadership roles. The slate of nominees for 2016, our twenty-fifth anniversary year, is without a president.

Your society has succeeded in making many genealogical records available to the membership and other researchers, but more waits to be done. So many projects come to mind: recording cemeteries and publishing the information, or taking photos and becoming a part of Find-A-Grave; abstracting information from wills, deeds, etc., contributing articles to *Trees of Wilson,* to name a few.

Wherever you live, there are worth-while projects to be done! Make whatever contribution you can in your corner of the world!

Joan L. Howell

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library Assembly Room, Sept. 29th

Please join us for our meeting on September 29th at the library. Ask at the reception desk for directions.

Nominations for officers for 2016 will be held. The following persons have agreed to serve:

President: vacant
Vice-president: Joan Howell
Secretary: Deborah Webb
Treasurer: Wanda Lamm
Board Member: Carroll Gaissart

Sue Powell and Jerry Stancil are currently serving continuing terms as board members.

Nominations may be made from the floor. Election of officers will be held at the October 27th meeting.

Our program will be presented by Joan Howell who will speak about Barnes DNA results. Ms. Howell has researched the complicated Barnes family for years. The science of DNA offers the hope of answers to so many questions that remain about the family.

Please mark your calendars for the remaining 2015 meetings:

October 27—Will Robinson, Wilson Woman's Club 100th Anniversary and Their Relationship with Wilson County Public Library

November 24—Annual Meeting, Installation of Officers, Social

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WILSON BUSINESSES

Extract from an article about Wilson included in the *Raleigh State Chronicle*, May 31, 1899

Contributed by Robert Rountree

GENERAL MERCHANDISE. YOUNG BROTHERS.

This is one of the most go ahead and successful establishments in Wilson. The Young Brothers came to Wilson from Virginia years ago as boys and by hard work and business ability have built up large establishments. Mr. C. A. Young, the oldest of the brothers, first went into business with Mr. J. V. Blackwell. Upon his retirement, Mr. W. B. Young became a partner. These gentlemen do a large business on Nash street in two large commodious stores. Now they have admitted another brother, Mr. Taylor Young, and he has charge of a store on Tarboro street. This is their Wilson business and it is one of the leading establishments of the place. At Dunn, Young Brothers also have a store in charge of another brother, Mr. Ernest Young. At Fayetteville they have established a large Clothing Factory. This is in charge of Mr. W. B. Young. This factory makes men's clothing and employs drummers to sell it in North and South Carolina. We do not know the volume of business done by these establishments but it is large. Such enterprise and progress show progressive and deserving men, and the Chronicle is glad to tell its readers what such progressive young men are doing to build up the State.

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GREAT WILSONIANS

Contributed by Perry Morrison

[Editor's note: At our April meeting, Mr. Morrison presented a most enjoyable program, in the format of a "Jeopardy" game, about Wilsonians "who have participated on the national stage." They have had a connection with Wilson but were also notable outside of North Carolina. With his permission, we will include the descriptions of the persons in *Trees of Wilson* and hope you will enjoy trying to name them. The answer will be hidden somewhere within the same issue of Trees.

"When Dean Smith died several months ago, the Governor lowered all the flags in the state to fly at half-mast, and thousands of people attended his public memorial service BUT he wouldn't have had a job with the University of North Carolina in the first place if, as Chancellor of UNC at Chapel Hill, I hadn't fired Frank McGuire in 1961 and hired Dean the same day to coach basketball.

"I was born in Lucama and grew up in Selma. I graduated from North Carolina State College (as it was known then) with a B.S. degree in Education then earned a Masters in History from UNC-CH. After serving in the army during WWII, I graduated from the UNC-CH School of Law and began teaching law at 'Carolina.'

Who am I?"

PARKER'S SCHOOL HOUSE ITEMS

Wilson Daily Times, February 24, 1911

The farmers are through sowing their grain and preparing for their other crops.

We are very sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Mumford. It has touched the hearts of all our people. We deeply sympathize with his bereaved mother and his little children.

Miss Bettie Sharp has been very ill for the past week.

Sunday was a very cold day, but lots of people attended preaching at Town Creek.

Mr. Alex Bridgers is spending a few days with his brother at Henderson.

Mr. B. F. Gardner went to Elm City Saturday on business.

Mrs. G. R. Gardner and Miss Mary Gardner spent Saturday afternoon with Misses Lula and Nora Bass.

Master Earl Farmer visited his grandfather Sunday.

Miss Bertha Farmer spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Mary Gardner.

Mrs. J. J. Farmer spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Gardner.

Miss Martha Thompson, of Wilson, spent Saturday night with Miss Mattie Edwards.

Miss May Gay, of Pinetops, spent Saturday and Sunday with Misses Annie and Ruth Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gardner spent Sunday with Miss Minnie Farmer.

Miss Mary Gardner was the guest of Miss Annie Lamm Saturday afternoon.

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OLD ELI ROBBINS AND PRUDENCE GARDNER'S FAMILY

Contributed by Albert R. Page, Sr.

[Editor's note: This is the continuation of the article which was begun in the July/August issue of *Trees of Wilson*.]

The Estate Settlement

Grace Williamson Turner included in her "Wilson County North Carolina Inventory of Estates Records" a reference to Eli Robbins' estates papers at the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh. I, with others, recently spent the day there on May 15, 2015, searching for family information. I spent the whole day reading the various files of the Robbins family. Eli Robbins' file included many facts about his estate settlement after his death. Oldest son Willie Robbins was the administrator. He inventoried his father's property and arranged for the public sale of the many possessions. After reviewing the papers from the sale, I noted with interest that nearly all the transactions were to family members such as Lucinda, Willie, Amos, Catherine and Caroline. Very few items sold to outsiders. Eli Robbins' estate was of good size, and he was reported to have had cash on hand, investment certificates, stocks, many notes owed to him (some were classified as good while others were not), five slaves (Kiziah, Amos, Harry, George and Jennie), and it was stated he had 1100 acres of land in the Gardners Township. The value of the estate sale appeared to be $5467.78. I do not believe the slaves or the land was included in that final figure. One major problem that presented itself in the calculation of the value of the estate was a concept called "the scaled down factor." Evidently, because of the war results, the value of Eli Robbins' estate after the war was somewhat less that it would have been had the war not taken place. Eli Robbins had in his possession $825.00 in "old issue" Confederate currency, and that certainly would have been a lost cause. Maybe one of the most valuable documents in this Eli Robbins' estate file was a request by the heirs (Amos Robbins, Lucinda Robbins and the Carter sisters: Caroline, Catherine and Martha) for administrator Willie Robbins to expedite the divisions among the heirs. This official paper stated that Eli Robbins was the "father and grandfather" of the heirs.[34] This is the strongest evidence found by this writer that Amos Robbins was a son of Eli Robbins. I believe that this issue is now closed.

Eli Robbins and Prudence Gardner's Offspring

1. Willie Robbins married first Martha "Patsy" Moore, and second, he married Elizabeth "Betsy" Proctor on August 4, 1849, in Edgecombe County. The two boys born to Patsy were William and McDonald Robbins. "Mac" Robbins married twice: first to Ellen F. _____; second to William Ann Robertson. They had one daughter Clara.

Willie and Betsy Robbins' children were: Winifred, who married Blake Ellis; John, who married Annie Baker; Matilda, who married Randal Baker; Henry, who married Bettie Flora; Louis Wilson; and lastly Thomas Robbins, who married 1st Della Flora and then Anna Pridgen.

2. Amos Robbins married twice: 1st to Mary _____ and 2nd to Mary "Polly" Ann Stokes. All the children were from the first marriage: Jedidah, who married Wilson Walston; Frances, who married Jack Godwin; Eli, who married 1st Margaret Wiggins and then Martha "Pattie" Batts; Prudence, who married George Thomas Johnson and lastly John H. Robbins, who married Amanda Baker.
3. Martha Robbins married John Carter. They had three daughters: Caroline, who married William Roland Wiggins; Catherine, who married 1st Thomas B. Sharpe and 2nd Almond Wiggins; Martha, who married Joseph W. Forbes.
4. Henry W. Robbins (Mexican War Veteran), not found after 1850.
5. Lucinda Robbins married Nathaniel B. Everette.
6. James Russell Robbins (killed Sept. 9, 1864, in the Civil War,).
7. Levi Robbins, not found after 1850.
8. Moses Robbins, not found after 1850.
9. W. Hansel Robbins (killed July 30, 1864, in the Civil War)

This writer found sixteen grandchildren from Willie Robbins, Amos Robbins and Martha Robbins Carter.[35]

Conclusion

Of the nine children produced by Eli and Prudence Robbins, this writer found only three who produced off spring. Only Willie and Amos had boys that carried the Robbins name. Amos and Polly Ann Robbins' son Eli Robbins, born in 1849, emerges from the sixteen cousins as the next big land owner there where Eli and Prudence Robbins had staked their claim maybe as far back as 1813. It seems that he managed to acquire a lot of the same real estate that his grandparents had held in the more than five decades they were land owners in Edgecombe and Wilson Counties. The story of grandson Eli Robbins and his two wives Margaret Wiggins and Martha "Pattie" Batts will have to wait for another time in the very near future.

In summary, this writer found in the written records of Eli and Prudence Robbins mostly all the best that could be expected from this hard working couple. As a married twosome they invested their great example in their children. Their management skills were as good as could be found in this time period among their fellow farmers and friends. It seems most of their profits were reinvested in land and farm help. They made it pay off for themselves and their children. History brought difficult times for them and others after 1860. It was mostly beyond their control. The Robbins family suffered as did other families of the South. At the war's end, they had to pick up what was left and move forward as best as they could.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Wilson Daily Times, October 13, 1911

Mr. Henry Lane was here today.

Dr. E. T. Dickinson is back from Baltimore.

Mrs. W. R. Crawford left this afternoon for Wilson's mills.

Elder P. D. Gold left today for Wilmington.

Mrs. E. E. Eustler have [sic.] returned from a ten days visit to New Bern and Kinston.

Mrs. M. M. Black left today for Norfolk.

Misses Eula and Rose Ruch left today for Goldsboro.

Dr. P. P. Lane of Waycross, Ga. stopped over with his parents for two days on his way to Baltimore.

We are glad to see Mr. H. D. Brown out again.

Mrs. J. A. Corbett who was operated on yesterday for appendicitis is getting along nicely.

Miss Jessie Farrior left today for Kennonsville [sic.].

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Banks passed through today en route to Fayetteville.

Mrs. Susan G. Best left today for Goldsboro.

Mr. Dred Sauls of Black Creek was in the city today.

Miss Geraldine Brown left today for Selma.

Mr. W. A. Pole, a prominent farmer of Black Creek township was in the city today.

Messrs. W. H. Tomlinson and son Leslie was [sic.] in our city today.

Mrs. John G. Cox and Miss Velle Cox of Kinston are visiting Mrs. F. M. Pace.

Mr. R. E. Crawford is in Raleigh.

Mr. V. C. Langley of Elm City is here today.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. W. Quinn have returned from a visit to parents in Duplin.

Miss Katie Propst left today for Bennettsville, S. C.

Mr. J. M. Battle left today for his home in Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Aycock of Black Creek are in the city today.

Miss Eunice Grey left today for Durham.

Mrs. H. F. Yelverton of Fremost [sic.] is in the city.

Miss Marie Yules left today for Goldsboro.

Miss Reba May came in this afternoon from Tarboro.

Mr. J. W. Lancaster of Black Creek is in the city today.

OAK GROVE ITEMS

Wilson Times, February 14, 1895

We are having some fine weather around here now.

The tobacco farmers have nearly all sowed their beds.

Mr. H. F. Barnes purchased a new horse Friday.

Miss Bertha Edgerton spent Sunday evening with the Misses Glover. She will spend some time with them.

(Eli Robbins, continued from page 87)

For the Eli Robbins family that wasn't their best hour.[36] The children, such as Willie, Amos and Lucinda, and some of the grandchildren benefited from Eli and Prudence Robbins' successes several decades after the passing of this grand patriarch and matriarch of the Robbins clan. The Robbins family, in this writer's judgment, can look back at their ancestors with appreciation and pride in their hearts.

Endnotes and Comments

[34]. North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, N. C., "Eli Robbins' estate file."

[35]. The familial information on the children of Eli and Prudence Robbins was found in marriage records of Edgecombe County or Wilson County. (Ruth Smith Williams' & Margarette Glenn Griffin's *Marriages of Early Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1733-1868* or J. Robert Boykin, Jr.'s *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899*). The census reports on these family members from 1850 Edgecombe County and those from 1860-1880 in Wilson County were very helpful (Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.'s *The 1850 Federal Census, Edgecombe County, North Carolina*, and Hugh B. Johnston's and especially Joan L. Howell's census abstracts from the 1860 to 1900 census records of Wilson County were indispensable.) No family Bibles were found that could have been helpful. Many, but not all, graves were found in Joan Lawrence Howell's *Wilson County North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. I-IV,* which were essential.

[36]. Over time this writer has had research occasions to visit the three Robbins cemeteries in the Gardners Township. It seems that it has been difficult, as time passes by, to care for county graveyards. In some cases families have been very good at keeping the family graveyards up. This can't be said for the Old Eli Robbins graveyard. This writer recently visited once again this old county burial place. It is probably in its worst shape ever. As a result it badly needs care and restoration. Robbins' kin and others far and wide should come together to rehabilitate this sacred family cemetery. If they don't do something soon, there will be little left but the ground.

THE FORBES ROBBINS CEMETERY

Contributed by Traci Thompson, MLIS, CG

[Editor's notes: The following are parts of the discussion on our e-group about the desecration of the Forbes-Robbins cemetery. If you are not already a member of the e-group, send a message to WilsonNC@yahoogroups.com to ask to join. You will be asked to give your connection to Wilson County. You may review the postings without becoming a member.]

Forbes-Robbins Cemetery, photo taken Sept. 2013

The Forbes/Robbins cemetery on Highway 42 East, across from Gardner's School, which I visited two years ago when it was not fenced and in ok shape, has recently been fenced in by the current landowner and her dogs, and a doghouse, have been "put inside the fence with the tombstones." This is obviously going to lead to the eventual destruction of the site. This was brought to my attention by Mr. Albert Page, who writes articles for *Trees of Wilson*, and who tried to visit the cemetery last week.

I have contacted the Office of State Archaeology for advice, but have not heard from them. I would think this would be desecration of a cemetery, and as such should be reported to the Wilson County Sheriff's Office, as it is a misdemeanor. I have been encouraging those related to the Robbins family and other interested parties to please complain before we lose another historic cemetery. The oldest headstone in this cemetery as of two years ago was for Eli Robbins, who was born in 1790.

Here is a link to the current NC statute regarding cemeteries, from the Office of Archaeology website: http://www.arch.dcr.state.nc.us/ncarch/reporting/cemetery.htm

Here is the cemetery on Find A Grave: http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2357131

Captain Ben Mercer, Community/Judicial Services, Wilson County Sheriff's Office, replied:

1. Wilson County Planning and Inspections show that the residence owners own all of the property including the land that the cemetery is on.
2. I checked with the North Carolina Cemetery Commission and was advised that they only govern licensed cemeteries, not graveyards.
3. The Wilson County Health Department stated that their only regulation covering cemeteries or graveyards deal with placing a septic tank too close in proximity to the graveyard.
4. We did research through all Wilson County Ordinances and did not find any ordinance dealing with this type situation.
5. We have spoken with two different D.A.'s in regards to two North Carolina General Statutes that deal with graveyards (NCGS 14-148 and NCGS 14-149). We were trying to see if we had enough probable cause to swear out warrants and we were advised that both statutes were too vague to try and prosecute in this case.

My suggestion would be for Mrs. Thompson to speak with a lawyer or the Civil Clerk of Court and attempt to take the owners of this property to civil court.

Eugenia Wade, a descendant of the family buried there, became another advocate for restoration of the cemetery. She contacted WRAL-TV and the "Dogpen Cemetery" made the news!
See: http://www.wral.com/family-cemetery-in-wilson-being-used-as-dog-pen/14805281/

TOWN ELECTIONS

Wilson Advance, April 6, 1893

At a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wilson, held in the Mayor's office April 3rd, the following persons were appointed as registrars and Poll Holders for the Town Election to be held on the first Monday in May, 1893.

FIRST WARD

R. L. Wyatt, Registrar
Jno. P. Clark, H. C. Winstead and Saml Tyson, Poll holders. Voting place, Wyatt's Tin shop.

SECOND WARD

E. F. McDaniel, Registrar
A. J. Hines, Dr. J. K. Ruffin, and B. B. Rhodes, Poll holders. Voting place, Hines' Drug Store.

THIRD WARD

R. T. Stevens, Registrar
R. T. Stevens, B. T. Amerson, Geo. M. Smith, and Jno. Manning, Poll holders. Voting place Wooten & Stevens shop.

FOURTH WARD

Geo. Hackney, Registrar
A. J. Simms, J. A. Corbett, and J. T. Williams, Poll holders. Voting place Old Methodist Church.

FIFTH WARD

W. E. Warren, Registrar.
L. Moye, K. P. Sanders, and J. A. Privett., Poll holders. Voting place old foundry.

JNO. R. MOORE, Clerk

OBITUARIES

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Wilson Daily Times, November 9, 1911

LOOMIS VANCE BARNES

Resolutions of Respect

Loomis Vance Barnes, inasmuch as we, the members of the Baraca class of Buckhorn Sunday school, have been called upon to part with one of our most beloved members, Loomis Vance Barnes, who was called from our midst, Nov. 2, 1911. We would try to express our sorrow for the loss we have sustained.

Therefore be it Resolved 1. That while he will be greatly missed we feel that our Heavenly Father knoweth best, and we will try to bow submissively to His will, and so live that we may meet him in the bright beyond.

Second. That we extend to the bereaved family our heart felt sympathy and pray that our Father may cause the shadow of sorrow to pass from them in the hope of meeting him again.

The death of this young man is very pathetic in many respects and we cannot now understand why he was taken. ...

May God give grace and strength to all the sorrowing ones and teach them from their hearts to say "Thy will be done."

Third. That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of the Sunday School, one sent to the family of the deceased, one to the Raleigh Christian Advocate and one to the *Wilson Times* for replication.

N. L. BARNES, Supt.
ROY WILKERSON, Sec.
H. R. WILKERSON
Committee.

[Editor's note: The obituary of Loomis V. Barnes was included in the April 2013 issue of *Trees of Wilson,* and a different Resolution of Respect in the Jan. 2014 issue.]

Zion's Landmark, October 15, 1911

SARAH JANE BARNES

The subject of this obituary was born July 18th, 1848. She was the daughter of Meedie and Elizabeth Williford. Was married to Mr. H. Barnes on January 8th, 1867. To this union were born six children of whom, three daughters and one son survive to mourn their loss, who were present to minister to her in her last sufferings. She departed this life on June 3rd, 1911 at 5 o'clock a. m. Her mother was early in life called by God's grace and became a member of the church and was one of the most energetic, industrious and persevering woman I ever knew, labored almost unceasingly to raise her children on the farm and there was need as she was bereft of her husband when they were quite young and helpless.

Sister Barnes had the same noble qualities as a wife and mother, she was gentle and long suffering, patient and always so kind in all her ministrations, was remarkable in her untiring and ceaseless labors to please her husband and to bring up her children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. She joined the church at Moore's in Wilson county, N. C., in 1875, baptized in Toisnot Swamp and remained a faithful and loving member until she left that immediate neighborhood and went to Toisnot. She then with her husband united by letter with church at Toisnot and was faithful and true as long as it was possible for her to do so. In about 1906 her husband thought it best to move to Whitakers, both got letters and united with the church at Hopeland at Whitakers, N. C. She was a loving, active and faithful member until the last. She was sorely afflicted the last six months but did not give up until about nine weeks before her death. She was brought to her daughter's, the wife of J. C. Moore and there her sisters and children came and patiently and lovingly ministered to her every wish till the end came. When visiting her in her last hours we talked to her of the Saviour's love and it was remarkable how strong in the faith of God's elect she seemed to be and though her body grew weaker and weaker her faith and hope in the crucified Saviour was strong to the end. Jesus was her theme, her very soul was full. Her remains were taken to Wilson and laid by the side of her mother in Maplewood Cemetery in the presence of her husband and children.

Many were sympathizing friends.

She was quietly lowered in the tomb. A short service on the resurrection and a couple of sad but beautiful and appropriate songs. The grave was covered. A benediction was pronounced and all sadly departed. May God who blessed her with the graces of His Holy Spirit bless her children with His rich and reigning grace so that they may be reconciled to this dispensation of his providence and know that God reigns and doeth all things well.

A. J. MOORE

[Editor's notes: Hick D. Barnes married Sarah J. Williford on January 8, 1867. *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* J. Robert Boykin, III

In the 1860 census, Elizabeth Williford, 32; Mary E., 13; Sarah, 11; Margaret, 8; Martha A., 3; and Medie, 1; lived in Joyners and Gardners District of Wilson County. Hardy F. Barnes, 57, farmer; Unity, 51; Melvina, 20; Elizabeth, 19; Hickman, 17; and John H., 8; also lived in Joyners and Gardners District. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1860,* Joan L. Howell

Wilson Daily Times, November 2, 1911

W. H. DEERING

A Prominent Citizen Dies.

Mr. W. H. Deering a prominent citizen of near Speight's Bridge aged 60 years passed away yesterday and was buried this morning at 10 o'clock.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Perry of the Methodist church of which Mr. Deering has been for 40 years a leading member.

The deceased was single and a relative of Mr. E. A. Darden of this city.

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Wilson Daily Times, September 23, 1911

ELLA PENDERGRASS

Death at County Home.

Mrs. Ella Pendergrass an inmate of the county died yesterday and was buried in the cemetery at the home this afternoon.

Mrs. Pendergrass was 30 years of age and the cause of her death was tuberculosis.

Wilson Daily Times, September 25, 1911

MR. ROBERT PRIVETT DEAD.

Mr. Robert Privett of Black Creek and a prominent citizen of that section was buried yesterday. The deceased leaves a large family. His loss will be keenly felt.

Wilson Daily Times, September 30, 1911

ROBBINS INFANT

Infant Dies.

The infant child of Mr. L. E. Robbins was buried today in Everett cemetery near Wilbanks.

Wilson Daily Times, September 8, 1911

MRS. CHRISTINE SPENCER DEAD.

Mrs. Christine Spencer of Goldsboro formerly of Wilson passed away on Wednesday last and was buried in Wilson at eleven o'clock this morning. The deceased was a devout Methodist 54 years of age and leaves a husband and one child the latter Mr. W. C. Spencer of Spray.

Rev. G. F. Smith conducted the services at the residence of Mr. J. T. Wilson. The pall bearers were Mess. [sic.] T. W. Moore, W. C. Hester, Frank Lamm, Eli Harrell, Tom Wilson and Amos Walston.

[Editor's note: She may have been Mrs. John Spencer, interred 06 SEP 1911, in Maplewood Cemetery. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Volume IV*, Joan L. Howell]

Wilson Daily Times, Sept. 29, & Oct. 3, 1911

JULIA WARREN.

A Good Woman at Rest

The sad news has just reached Wilson that Mrs. Julia Warren, who was a resident of Wilson for fifty years and who was one of the best loved woman that ever lived here, had just died in Rocky Mount at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Price. Mrs. Warren had attained the ripe and mellow old age, being _____ [not included in my copy] years old when she laid down the cross to take up the crown of blissful immortality. A better, truer nobler, purer, sweeter character never graced humanity for in her were all the virtues that give to womanhood its highest worth and sweetest charm.

She was the mother of W. E. Warren, cashier of First National Bank, S. W. Warren and Dr. George Warren, of Washington City and Mrs. Ben Price of Rocky Mount.

The remains of Mrs. Warren will be brought to Wilson tonight and the funeral will be conducted from the Methodist church tomorrow morning at 10:30 by Rev. G. F. Smith.

[Editor's note: A memorial to Mrs. Warren was included in Sept. 2013 *Trees of Wilson.*]

Wilson Daily Times, November 2, 1911

WELLS INFANT

Infant Dies.

The infant child of Mr. Lee Wells of Old Fields township died yesterday and was buried today at the George Lewis cemetery.

Wilson Daily Times, June 19, 1911

ELLA BROCKETT WILKINS

Funeral of Mrs. Wilkins.

The funeral service of Mrs. J. E. Wilkins, who died Friday night, was conducted at the home on Gray street yesterday morning at ten o'clock by Rev. G. F. Smith, pastor of the First Methodist church.

A choir composed of Mrs. Herbert Rountree and Mrs. R. P. Watson and Messrs. W. S. Harriss and Howard Mayo, sang "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me" and "Shadows."

The pall-bearers were Messrs. U. H. Cozart, W. P. Anderson, Will Carr, S. W. Worthington, W. W. Briggs and Calvin Woodard.

A large number of people attended the services at the residence and at Maplewood cemetery, and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

[Editor's notes: The obituary of Ella Brockett Wilkins was included in the Nov. 2011 issue of *Trees of Wilson*.

Ella Brockett (Mrs. James) Wilkins b. 04 JUL 1846, d. 16 JUN 1911; and James E. Wilkins, b. 20 MAY 1835, d. 23 NOV 1904, were buried in Maplewood Cemetery. Eight others with the Wilkins surname were buried in the same section. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Volume IV*, Joan L. Howell

In the Wilson County 1900 Census, the family of James Wilkins lived in Wilson Township-ED 125. James, was a contractor, b. MAY 1836. Ella, b. JUL 1846, his wife of 28 yrs., had given birth to six children and five were living. Four sons lived with them: William, b. SEP 1877, "macanic;" James E., b. JAN 1878, bookkeeper; Robert S., b. OCT 1879, clerk; Lynwood, b. APR 1885, school boy. All but Lynwood were born in Virginia as were the parents of James and Ella. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900*, Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe.]

Wilson Daily Times, November 20, 1911

THOMAS CLARK WINBORN

Infant Dies.

Thomas Clark Winborn, 9 months of age and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Winborn passed away yesterday morning.

The services were conducted by Rev. C. W. Blanchard at the residence on Hill street early today, after which the remains were taken to the old home place in Old Field's township for interment.

[Editor's note: A different obituary for T. C. Winborn was included in Jan. 2014 *Trees of Wilson.*]

HENRY (ODAM) MORRIS
Contributed by Traci Thompson, MLIS, CG

In the June 2015 issue of *Trees of Wilson*, a family tree appeared showing the ancestors of Paul Muskopf. One of the persons on the tree is Henry (Odam) Morris. A note at the bottom of the tree states, "Henry Odam married Clara Boykin in 1872. They were listed in the 1880 census as Henry and Clara Morris along with their children. The name change is part of the family oral history, but no one living knows why the name change was made. Ideas to unravel this mystery would be appreciated."

Could it be that –for whatever reason – the name change was only for the purposes of the marriage?

The family tree connects Henry (Odam) Morris with the Old Fields Township area of Wilson County, and he and his wife are found in that township under the name Morris in 1880.[1] The marriage of Henry Odam, age 22, and Clara Boykin, age 21, was performed by B. H. Boykin and witnessed by Bennette and Harriet Bullock[2], all of whom lived in Old Fields Township.[3]

In the 1870 census, Old Fields Township, an Eliza Morris is found with several children, including a 19 year old Henry Morris, whose age is very close to that of Henry "Odam."[4] In 1880, Eliza Morris, who is listed as "widowed," is still in Old Fields Township, but Henry is not in the house, consistent with the marriage in 1872. Eliza is one census page away from B. H. Boykin and the Bullocks.[5] Eliza is still there in the 1900 census, at age 70, living with son William.[6]

Other children in Eliza's household in 1870 besides Henry are Ginsey, age 12; William, age 17; Willie, age 13; Woodard, age 11; and George, age 10.[7] In 1880, the household included William, age 24; Wiley, age 22; Woodard, age 20; and George, age 18.[8]

The 1885 Nash County marriage license of Woodard Morris, aged 25 years, to Polly Owens lists his parents as Eliza Morris, living, and Willis Morris, dead.[9]

The 1896 marriage license of George Morris, age 34, to "Hariet" Godwin gives his parents as Eliza and Willis Morris.[10]

The 1935 death certificate of Geo. [George] M. Morris gives his spouse as Harriet and his parents as Willie Morris and Eliza Flowers, both born in Nash County, N. C. George died in Kenly, Johnston County.[11]

Footnotes:

[1] 1880 U. S. census, Old Fields Township, Wilson County, North Carolina, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 308, p. 290b (stamped), dwelling # 11, family # 11, household of Henry Morris; digital image, Ancestry Library Edition (http://www.ancestrylibrary.com : accessed 2015); citing National Archives microfilm publication T9, roll 987; Family History Library Film # 1254987.

[2] Entry for Clara Boykin and Henry Odam, "Indexed Register of Marriages – Wilson County, N. C. – 1855-1903," citing North Carolina State Archives; digital image, *Ancestry Library Edition* (http://www.ancestrylibrary.com : accessed 2015).

[3] 1880 U. S. census, Old Fields Township, Wilson County, North Carolina, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 308, p. 302b (stamped), dwelling # 198, family # 198, household of B. H. Boykin, "Preacher Gospel;" p. 302 (stamped), dwelling, # 181, family # 181, household of Bennett and Harriet Bullock; digital images, *Ancestry Library Edition* (http://www.ancestrylibrary.com : accessed 2015); citing National Archives microfilm publication T9, roll 987; Family History Library Film # 1254987.

[4] 1870 U. S. census, Old Fields Township, Wilson County, North Carolina, population schedule, p. 521 (stamped), dwelling # 150, family # 148, household of Eliza Morriss; digital image, Ancestry Library Edition (http://www.ancestrylibrary.com : accessed 2015); citing National Archives microfilm publication M593, roll 1166; Family History Library Film # 552665.

[5] 1880 U.S. census, Old Fields Township, Wilson County, North Carolina, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 308, p. 303 (stamped), dwelling # 214, family # 214, household of Eliza Morris; digital image, Ancestry Library Edition (http://www.ancestrylibrary.com : accessed 2015); citing National Archives microfilm publication T9, roll 987; Family History Library Film # 1254987.

[6] 1900 U.S. census, Old Fields Township, Wilson County, North Carolina, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 116, p. 69 (stamped), dwelling # 204, family # 205, household of William Morris; digital image, Ancestry Library Edition (http://www.ancestrylibrary.com : accessed 2015); citing National Archives microfilm publication T623, roll 1224; Family History Library Film # 1241224.

[7] 1870 U.S. census, Old Fields Township, County, North Carolina, population schedule, p. 521 (stamped), dwelling # 150, family # 148, household of Eliza Morriss.

[8] 1880 U.S. census, Old Fields Township, Wilson County, North Carolina, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 308, p. 303 (stamped), dwelling # 214, family # 214, household of Eliza Morris.

[9] Marriage license of Woodard M. Morris and Polly Owens, "North Carolina Marriage Records, 1741-2011"; digital image, Ancestry Library Edition (http://www.ancestrylibrary.com : accessed 2015).

[10] Marriage license of Geo [George] Morris and "Hariet" Godwin, "North Carolina Marriage Records, 1741-2011"; digital image, Ancestry Library Edition (http://www.ancestrylibrary.com : accessed 2015).

[11] Kenly, Johnston County, North Carolina, death certificate of Geo. M. Morris, 22 December 1935, stamped # 150, registration district # 51-31; digital image, "North Carolina Death Certificates, 1909-1975," Ancestry Library Edition (www.ancestrylibrary.com: accessed 2015); citing North Carolina State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics. North Carolina Death Certificates. Microfilm S.123. Rolls 19-242, 280, 313-682, 1040-1297. North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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Henry (Odam) Morris, continued from page 92)

Although a search in the 1860 census for the family yielded no results, the 1850 census finds a Willis Morris, age 25, Eliza, age 25, Jincy ["Ginsey"], age 2, and baby Henry, age 6 months, in Johnston County, N. C.[12]

Also, although a search for a marriage of a Willis Morris and Eliza Flowers yielded no results, there is a marriage bond for Willis Morris and Eliza Ricks dated 4 September 1847 in Nash County, N. C.[13]

Unless further evidence proves otherwise, this evidence – which does not contradict the timeline of events for Henry "Odam" - would suggest that Henry belonged to this family and was actually a Morris. Also significant is the fact that sons of Henry were named Willis, his possible father's name, and George, his possible brother's name; these children appear with widowed mother Clara in Old Fields Township, Wilson County, in 1910.[14]

Footnotes:

[12] 1850 U.S. census, Johnston County, North Carolina, population schedule, p. 56b (stamped), dwelling # 850, family #850 , household of Willis Morris; digital image, Ancestry Library Edition (http://www.ancestrylibrary.com : accessed 2015); citing National Archives microfilm publication M432, roll 635.

[13] Marriage bond of Willis Morris and Eliza Ricks, "North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868," citing An Index to Marriage Bonds Filed in the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC: North Carolina Division of Archives and History, 1977; digital image, Ancestry Library Edition (http://www.ancestrylibrary.com : accessed 2015).

[14] 1910 U.S. census, Old Fields Township, Wilson County, North Carolina, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 107, p. 92 (stamped), dwelling # 438, family # 439, household of Willis Morris; digital image, Ancestry Library Edition (http://www.ancestrylibrary.com : accessed 2015); citing National Archives microfilm publication T624, roll 1137.

If there is a living direct male descendant of Henry, Y-DNA may be a useful tool for proving or disproving this theory.

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WILLIAM BRANTLEY AYCOCK

WHAT GENEALOGY RECORDS MIGHT YOU FIND IN A COURTHOUSE?

Diane Haddad, Genealogy Insider, *Family Tree Magazine*, June 3, 2015

If you're trying to figure out a genealogy problem or trace an elusive ancestor, the answer might be in court records. Court records are so varied, and organized in different ways in different places, and usually unindexed, that they can be hard to find and use.

Early vital records: Counties often stored birth and death registers at the courthouse before states took over vital record-keeping.

Probate records: Wills, estate inventories, settlement papers, guardianship appointments and more. [Don't forget guardianship reports.]

Deeds: Contracts transferring ownership of land and sometimes property (including enslaved humans).

Tax lists: Registers of those who paid property, poll and other taxes.

Divorce records: Divorce petitions, case testimony, decrees, etc.

Naturalization records: Before 1906, immigrants could file for naturalization with any court—local, state or federal.

Case files: Testimony, evidence, subpoenas and other records relevant to civil or criminal court cases.

Dockets: Schedule of the court's hearings.

Minutes: A brief record of the actions for the court for each day.

Manumissions: Documents freeing slaves.

Orders: Record of cases heard and judgments to be carried out.

Military discharge records: Many returning service members would file their discharge records with the county courthouse, a potential substitute if your ancestor's service records were destroyed in the 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center.

Licenses: Such as for businesses, medical practitioners or dog owners.

Wolf-scalp bounties: Counties would sometimes pay residents a bounty for each wolf scalp turned in.

Sometimes you can find these records digitized (though rarely searchable) on courthouse websites or FamilySearch.org. FamilySearch has microfilmed court records for many counties; you can rent the microfilm for viewing at your local FamilySearch Center. You may need to send a request or visit the courthouse, which—if you're allowed to search the records yourself—can lead to unexpected finds hidden away in files and bound volumes.

ANCESTORS OF WADE HAMPTON TAYLOR, JR.

Contributed by Frank Crowder Taylor

Wade Hampton Taylor, Jr.
b. 09 FEB 1906, Spring Hope, Nash Co, NC
d. 20 FEB 1957, Atlanta, Fulton Co, GA

Wade Hampton Taylor, Sr
b. 18 OCT 1879, Bailey, Nash Co., NC
m. 27 DEC 1904
d. 21 JAN 1936, Rocky Mount, Nash Co., NC

Richard Franklin Taylor
b. DEC 1853, Wilson NC
m. 02 JAN 1879
d. 27 APR 1926, Wilson NC

Simeon Taylor
b. c. 1831-1833
m. 23 JUN 1853
d. 09 AUG 1898, Nash Co., NC

Larry Taylor
b. c. 1790
d. 1870 -->

Elizabeth

Dolly Horn(e)
b. 1833
d. OCT 1908, Edgecombe Co. NC

Merrett Horn(e)
b. c. 1788; m. 06 JAN 1823
d. 1860, Wilson Co., NC

Cornelia Eatmon
b. AUG 1859, Wilson NC
d. 27 JUN 1929, Wilson NC

Peter Eatmon
b. 1812, Nash Co., NC
m. 15 JAN 1839
d. 1884 Wilson Co., NC

Dinah B L Bottoms
b. 1799

Joel Eatmon
b. 1780; d. 1851

Obedience "Beedy" Horn
b. 1785

Millicent Bailey
b. 02 OCT 1818, Nash Co., NC
d. 09 DEC 1893
Wilson Co., NC

Francis "Frank" Crowder
b. 01 JAN 1826, Anson Co., NC
m. 06 FEB 1876; d. 26 JAN 1902, Anson Co., NC

Richard D. Crowder
b. 24 DEC 1795
m. 1817
d. 09 SEP 1839

Absalom Crowder
b. 1755, Lunenburg Co., VA
m. 1786
d. 06 SEP 1833, Anson Co., NC

Martha Stacy; b. 1762, d. 1824

Elizabeth Barrett
b. 29 JUL 1802; d. 27 NOV 1891, Anson Co., NC

Dominick Barrett
b. 1773, Cork, Ireland; m. 1801
d. 15 MAY 1840, Anson Co., NC

Martha Faircloth
b. 1785, d. 1852

Frankie Ethel Crowder
b. 18 OCT 1881, Anson Co., NC
d. 04 FEB 1957, New York City, NY

Catherine Redfearn
B. 24 AUG 1845
D. 03 MAR 1910

James Redfearn
b. 14 MAY 1807; m. 21 NOV 1828
d. 23 OCT 1847

Nimrod Redfearn
b. c. 1774-1778
d. 06 NOV 1829

Elizabeth Grace
b. 26 JAN 1807
d. 10 NOV 1872

Wade Hampton Taylor, Jr., married
Lillian Grawin
b. 18 MAR 1908, Chicago, IL
d. 02 FEB 1986, Atlanta, GA

NEW PUBLICATION: *WILSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, CEMETERIES V*

This, the fifth book of records of the cemeteries in Wilson County, contains data about the two city owned African-American cemeteries. There are alphabetical listings of 11,472 burials in Rest Haven Cemetery and 590 burials in Rountree/Vick Cemetery, many without grave markers.

Order your copy now. $35 plus $5 for S&H. N. C. residents should add $2.36 to cover state sales tax.

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As with all census research, you may need to try surname and first name variations.

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• **Ancestry Day** is coming to Raleigh on 7 November 2015. Join us for a day of learning and fun with experts from Ancestry.com. The Friends of the Archives, North Carolina State Archives and State Library, and NCGS are presenting this event, which comes to North Carolina for the first time on Saturday, 7 November 2015. The event will be held at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. More information can be found at http://www.ncgenealogy.org . Register online today for this exciting event.

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WCGS MEETING MINUTES

There are no minutes to print since we have not meet since May.

W. CORBETT

***Wilson Advance*, March 9, 1893**

EGGS—ACTLY.

Our enterprising townsman and merchant, Mr. W. Corbett, is a go-ahead progressive man. Whatever he takes hold of always pans out a paying business. We don't know whether his last venture will pay or not, but as "there is nothing new under the sun"—will have to wait and see. Last Saturday evening in making our purchases we concluded to take advantage of the "big drop" in the price of eggs, and secured a couple of dozen. When we reached home we found artistically inscribed on one of them, "This egg was laid by W. Corbett." When our old hen gets in a mood to "set" we will place this wonder [near] her. Who knows but what it will hatch out a keg of Corbett's cream beer, and then wont [sic.] we cackle! "What man has done man may do."

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President's Message

Have you considered becoming a P. I., that is, a Private Investigator? (They earn a pretty good salary, I'm told!)

While searching for our ancestors, we were developing many skills needed to be a real sleuth; think about it!

The data we began with caused us to decide what more was needed and where it was most likely to be found.

As we gathered more information, we may have come across much that was not relevant. If we weren't careful, we found ourselves "barking up the wrong tree" (excuse the pun!) which was especially true when more than one person in close proximity had the same name and was about the same age.

Using the process of elimination with the help of maps, deeds, wills, and many other records, along with a close look at their family, friends, neighbors and those they did business with [their FAN Club], we may have been able to sort out the family we are seeking. Creating a time line of all the information gathered also helped to rule out the facts that did not belong. [The FAN Club consists of their Friends, Associates and Neighbors.]

DNA, now available, may confirm our research, or, in some cases, conflict with what we thought to be true! I've recently come across three such cases, and that is where the real detective work is needed!

If you enjoy research for the sake of problem-solving, you are a real Private Detective! Joan L. Howell

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library Assembly Room, Oct. 27th, 7pm

Please join us for our meeting on October 27th at the library. Ask at the reception desk for directions.

Elections for officers for 2016 will be held. The following persons have been nominated to serve:

President: vacant
Vice-president: Joan Howell
Secretary: Deborah Webb
Treasurer: Wanda Lamm
Board Member: vacant

Sue Powell and Jerry Stancil are currently serving continuing terms as board members.

Joan Howell will present a program about Barnes DNA results. Ms. Howell has researched the complicated Barnes family for years. The science of DNA offers the hope of answers to so many questions about that family.

Next meeting: Nov. 24—Annual Meeting, Installation of Officers, Social

DUES FOR 2016 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.

Submit yours now while it is on your mind!

NEW MEMBER SPECIAL!

Persons who join WCGS in October or November 2015 will receive the remaining 2015 issues and all the 2016 issues. Membership would be a good gift.

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CLEVELAND GLOVER SHOT

Wilson Daily Times, December 26, 1913

BAILY [SIC.] MAN IS SHOT

PROMINENT MERCHANT IS VICTIM OF UNKNOWN ASSAILANT—

WILL RECOVER

NO CLUE TO PARTY

Christmas eve night at 7:50, Mr. Cleveland Glover, a prominent merchant of Bailey, and a brother of Deputy Sheriff O. A. Glover of this city, was shot by an unknown party, through the window of his store.

Mr. Glover was standing at his desk counting his cash when the shooting occurred. It is thought the person who did the shooting was about 20 feet from the window when the gun was fired.

Thirty-two number four shot were taken from Mr. Glover's back, and his condition is not critical.

Three months previous to the occurrence Wednesday night, Mr. Glover was shot in the same manner at the same place. No clue was left by his assailant and the entire case is shrouded in mystery.

The wounded man is one of Bailey's most successful business men, is 27 years of age, single, and enjoys a host of friends who cannot account for the murderous attempts on Mr. Glover's life, since he has never been known to have a cross word with any one.

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DIFFICULTIES OF THE POLICE

Wilson Advance, April 4, 1895

Discharge the Police.

It seems that we have been laboring under a false impression. We were old foggy enough to think that these blue coated, brass buttoned gentry were intended to protect the citizens of the town and preserve good order. It seems, however, that their only office is to draw their pay and that they are vested with no authority, not enjoyed by an ordinary citizen. If this indeed be the case why need the citizen be taxed to have a set of policemen walking round town, when in case of a disturbance the police must first be found then be made to understand the emergency, after which he may saunter off leisurly [sic.] and get a warrant and perhaps get back to the scene of the difficulty after the participants have concluded to cease hostilities and go off and get a drink.

Officer Harrell was tried and convicted Monday of an assault upon the person of J. L. Mayo. The evidence was to the effect that on Saturday last an auction was being conducted at the old stand of S. R. Tyson & Co. Mr. Mayo being present and a bidder, and being somewhat under the influence of liquor, he disturbed the auctioneer. After repeatedly calling him to order, the auctioneer appealed to the proprietor, stating that the sale could not proceed until the offending party was ejected. After some words Harrell was called and failing to appear the auctioneer attempted to eject Mayo and had gotten near the door, when the officer came on the scene and took charge. He appealed to the proprietor asking if he desired the removal of Mayo and being answered in the affirmative he proceeded to see that he left the store. No force was employed or threat made, and yet because he put his hand upon the plaintiff and required him to move he was adjudged guilty of an assault.

If this be law then we had better return to a state of barbarism and let each man keep his own house rj et armis [sic.?]

Wilson Daily Times, December 29, 1911

Change the Hours.

Evidently the criminals are on to the time when our officers start in on their beats, for the thieves broke into the Ruffin-High Company's store immediately after the officers patrolled the alley back of the store. They should frequently change their hours especially in the back alleys.

Messrs. Ruffin-High Company request us to say their money was in the safe and not in the drawer with the exception of some change. The thieves secured several pistols.

The Wilson Advance, February 7, 1895
Excerpt from the "Local" column

Our police have advanced a step. On Sunday last one of the force found a "drunken and down" case that could not be made to walk. Just as he was casting around for some means to get the subject to the lock-up a citizen hove in sight and was immediately pressed into service. A wheelbarrow was obtained and while the policeman led the way, the citizen trummelled [sic.] the barrow. Moral: citizens should stay at home.

MONTAGUE CONFESSES

HE ALONE GUILTY OF GRANVILLE COUNTY HORROR—TELLS STORY OF CRIME

IS ELECTROCUTED TODAY

(News and Observer)
Wilson Daily Times, February 17, 1911

Nathan Montague, the negro whose awful crimes shocked the State last December, when in Granville county, near Creedmore, he killed three people, assaulted a young woman, robbed the house and set fire to it, is to pay the death penalty this morning at 10:30 in the electric chair in the State's Prison.

Montague Makes a Confession.

On Friday last, when Philip Mills was electrocuted Nathan Montague began to break down. He had been indifferent before but the death of Mills affected him. He has a brutal look. Weighing about 146 pounds he is of a ginger cake color, about 5 feet 8 inches in height, his head narrow at the top. He made a partial confession on that day and yesterday confessed fully to Sheriff S. M. Wheeler, of Granville, who is here for the electrocution.

On Saturday, the 4th of February, Sheriff Wheeler brought to the State's prison the two negroes whom Montague said aided him in the crime. These are Lonnie Bridgers and Alvin Cook, and they had volunteered to come. He was confronted with these negroes and said they were with him. They denied it, and Sheriff Wheeler says he did not think that the two negroes were with Montague, as he had made a careful examination and study of the case. Last night Sheriff Wheeler told of Montague's confession during yesterday afternoon, the statement made to him by Montague being as follows:

"On the night of December 19th I went to Mr. Sanders' house to see about killing some hogs. While there Mr. Sanders asked me to cut some wood and I did it. Miss Mattie Sanders toted in the wood. It was then I made up my mind about her. I helped to take in some corn to shell and Mr. Sanders gave me some supper in the kitchen. After supper I went back in the house, where Mr. Sanders was shelling corn. After a while he told me to go home. I spoke back, and we had some words. I picked up a chair and knocked him down, hitting him over the head three times. Then I knocked the little girl, Irene Overton, over the head with the chair. Miss Sanders was there and ran out in the yard, screaming that she would tell. I ran after her and had a struggle. She fought so hard that I used my knife on her and cut her, and hit her. She was unconscious in the yard. * * * *. I dragged her body back into the house. I must have dropped my knife in the yard, for I thought I had it in my pocket. In the house I gathered up some things I wanted. Then I broke a lamp and poured the kerosene oil around. I set fire to it and got out. I don't know why I took some of her clothes with me. There was no one with me at all. I was the only one that had anything to do with it. I have told you the whole truth, and I feel better that I have told it. I am prepared to die."

OLD HANGINGS IN PITT COUNTY

Charlotte Daily Observer, Charlotte, N. C., August 20, 1915
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HAS HANGED MORE THAN ONE

PITT COUNTY'S WOMEN WERE NEGROES, HOWEVER

(Special to the Observer)
Greenville, N. C. Aug. 19.---The sentence of Mrs. Warren to the electric chair seems to have started the question of whether North Carolina ever hanged a woman.

Mr. L. W. Lawrence, a local octogenarian, was a witness of the hanging of Mary Hanrahan in this county.

Watt (Walter) Hanrahan was a very large planter and landowner and owned a very great number of slaves. To keep them at some work, he had a large piece of land near the present county home, known as "Hanrahan's Quarters" for the keeping of surplus slaves, or those for whom he had little to do. At that place they were employed clearing land, cultivating it and making support; if not money. The overseer was named Griffin. He had occasion to whip one of Mary's children, a boy. This so enraged Mary thaqt while the whipping was being administered, she picked up a large light wood knot and gave the overseer such a blow from behind on his head that he died. Mary was tried for the murder, convicted and with two negro men, was hanged here in Greenville. The site of the hanging was about where Fifth street crosses the ravine going to the training school.

About three miles east of this city, at the site of the old court house, on the south side of the road, only a few years ago was the body and remains of some of the larger limbs of a tree, which was said to have been used for hanging criminals before the Revolutionary War. And it is said a negro woman was hanged there for killing her master.

About the close of the Revolutionary War, a negro woman named Rose was publically burned at the court house for the murder of her mistress.

MAYOR'S COURT

The Wilson Advance, April 4, 1895
Excerpt from the "Local" column

In the case of J. L. Mayo against Captain Gibbons, for assault, tried before his honor Mayor Bruton, on Monday last, a judgment of not guilty was handed down. Right you are Mr. Mayor.

If a man is not to be allowed to keep the peace in his own house then he had better give it away.

MURDER AND MAYHEM IN THE NEWS

The Wilson Advance, February 9, 1893

[no headline]

Burglers, we are told, tried to effect an entrance into Mr. Jim Gay's residence last Monday night about 7 o'clock. Old man Jim invites them to pay him another visit and he will do his best to give them a warm reception.

The Wilson Advance, March 9, 1893
Excerpt from the "Local" column

Jeff Davis and Josh Billings, of Wilkes county, have been arrested [for] counterfeiting.

The Wilson Advance, January 17, 1895
Excerpt from the "Local" column

The town authorities have a gray mule in the pound. He was found roaming the streets on Saturday last. The owner can get him by coming forward and paying the expense and fine.

The Wilson Advance, January 24, 1895
Excerpt from the "Local" column

That old horse of Mr. William Harris ran away again this week. This animal is very curiously constituted. He thinks that it is absolutely necessary to run away at least once a week and he keeps up with his idea of what is right, the only trouble being his inability to calculate time accurately, hence it often happens that we have two run aways a week instead of one.

The Wilson Advance, February 7, 1895

Saturday Night Rows.

The air (or the whiskey) was filled with an incentive to fight, on Saturday night last. Three or four scrimmages were reported, none of them developed any serious consequences, however. It is to be hoped that so long as people will persist in doing such things the town treasury will be the gainer. His honor Mayor Bruton should impose heavy fines, and see that they are collected.

Charges Not Proven

Mr. A. J. Ellis, who resides near Lucama, charged with illicit distilling, was arrested Wednesday of last week and taken to Smithfield for trial before United States Commissioner Fuller. As the charges were not proven, Mr. Ellis was released.

[No Headline]

In a melee at Elm City on Saturday night, a colored man, whose name we were unable to learn, was quite badly cut. No one seemed to know just who did the cutting.

Excerpts from the "Local" column

The Bowery was a scene of several "scrapping" matches Saturday night.

The best thing out is the patent Burglar Alarm at Hargrave's Drug Store.

Burglar Alarm and door bell combined. The best thing you ever saw at Hargrave's.

The Wilson Advance, February 14, 1895

Illicit Still Seized

Deputy S. H. Shelburn seized a 400 gallon still last week near here owned by brothers named Capps. With it was 2,000 gallons of beer and other spirits. The still was made from an old turpentine still.

The Wilson Advance, March 7, 1895

Burglars Abroad

Quite a hum of excitement was created on Monday by the arrest of two strange darkies on the charge of breaking into two stores last week.
On Friday night Mr. John Riley's store was entered and three self-acting revolvers were taken, what other goods Mr. Riley was unable to say. The money drawer was attacked but resisted the efforts of the burglars.

On Saturday night Mr. John C. Hadley's store was visited. The first attempt was made on the window in the rear and next to the street, but after breaking the shutter slightly the parties transferred their attention to one in the rear of the dry goods department, through which they succeeded in effecting an entrance. From the dry goods department they passed into the other room, opening the money drawers and the drawers to the book-keeper's desk, from which some small change was obtained. Mr. Hadley was unable to say what had been taken in the shape of goods, but thinks he missed two pairs of shoes.

Mr. Riley's theory that the robbers were acquainted with the premises seems to be refuted by the circumstances attending the entry at Hadley's, as it is evident that no one familiar with the store would attempt to enter a window that was boarded up on the inside as the one first attacked was at Mr. Hadley's. This fact would add color to the supposition that the robbers were strangers to the town. At the preliminary trial it was shown that the shoes of the accused fitted the tracks found under the window entered.

The two men were bound over to appear at the next term of the court, and in default of bail were committed to jail.

[Editor's note: Paragraphs added by the editor to help the reader.]

The Wilson Advance, March 7, 1895

Another Fire at Kinston.

Kinston had another fire Monday night. The block facing the court house was swept away. It is reported that the last fire was of incendiary origin. The fiend was seen in the act but made his escape.

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The Wilson Advance, March 14, 1895

Must Have Pie.

Some one [sic.] tried to introduce a bill in the Legislature to provide for a house of detention for young criminals but it failed. One of our merchants was more successful. On yesterday morning a little coon by the name of Amos Barnes, was taken with a craving for pie, and nothing but pie would do, so as he had no money to buy pie, he was forced to make other arrangements. He commenced to look around and shortly saw an opportunity to lay violent hands upon a bunch of fish. He caught on to the fish and took them down across the line and traded them off for pie. After he had disposed of the pie he was captured and carried before a magistrate but the evidence was not sufficient to convict so Amos was turned over to the owner of the fish who locked him up. He soon got a confession out of the boy, and the fish were recovered. The boy was whipped and all hands made happy, except the lady who furnished the pie.

The Wilson Advance, March 28, 1895

Hard to Hold.

A crazy darkey, Cherry Farmer by name, was taken up last week, and after much trouble was lodged in the guard house. Later he was taken before his honor and adjudged insane and turned over to the Sheriff. An application was made for his admission into the insane asylum at Goldsboro and the application was granted, on condition that he be sent at once. Sheriff Crowell proceeded to the jail to get his patient, when a lively time was had.

It was not until two or three men were knocked down and trampled, that Cherry was finally secured and handcuffed. He was then turned over to Charlie Battle who was deputized to escort him to Goldsboro. Charlie and Cherry started, and got as far as Fremont all right, here a fit struck Cherry and he proceeded to demolish everything within reach. Two or three car seats were smashed. Charlie's head, face and hands were badly bruised and scratched and finally Cherry broke entirely loose and made his escape, his wrists still being confined in the steel bracelets. After breaking loose at Fremont he proceeded on foot to Goldsboro and presented himself at the asylum, where [he] told that he had started from Wilson with Charlie Battle but that on the road Charlie had tried to kill him and that he had run away. It is reported that he tried to break in a house on his way down and that the occupant not knowing his condition, shot him. Heretofore he has been a hard worker and a very reliable negro.

The Wilson Advance, April 11, 1895
Excerpt from the "Local" column

Someone broke in the back door of Mr. H. D. Walker's shoe shop between Saturday night and Monday morning and stole a pair of shoes. The thief was easily satisfied as there were a number of good shoes in the shop, and he only took an old pair. Very considerate thief.

The Wilson Advance, April 18, 1895

A Lively Time.

The good people of Toisnot (Elm City) were thrown into quite a state of excitement on Friday last, by the violent outbreak of a colored individual, by the name of William Howard. It seems that Howard made an attack upon the little child of David Armstrong, beating it and inflicting painful wounds with a piece of iron and a brick. On being approached by the authorities he resisted, and a lively scrimmage ensued. Three or four men were knocked down and rendered *liois de combat* [sic. ?] but finally, he was overpowered and tied, then followed a trial before his worship Capt. W. L. G__iner [?] who promptly ordered his removal to the custody of Sheriff Crowell.

The prisoner was brought over in a wagon and if ever a poor devil was rendered harmless, by ropes (otherwise disposed than around the neck) that darkey was the man. Two sets of new plow lines were artistically arranged around his arms, body and legs, until it gave him the appearance of having on a new spring suit of white duck, not satisfied with this his conductors had evidently provided against the contingency of falling asleep on the way, for the prisoner was so securely tied to the wagon that it took four men ten minutes to get him loose. On his arrival at the jail, so desperate was he, an attempt was made to drive the wagon into the jail before slacking up the shackles, but it was found that the wagon would not pass through the door, so it was drawn up as near as possible, and the prisoner carefully unpacked and hurried into the inviting precincts of hotel de Crowell.

It may well be imagined that all this time the busy throngs of Wilson's unemployed hosts were not idle. Before the wagon bearing the unfortunate man had come to a stand still, half a dozen curious eyes had been attracted by the unusual sight, and in two minutes there were fifty men around the wagon asking questions and trying to get a good view of the man's face. The scene was growing very animated long before the last knot was untied and hurrying feet carried their owners at a brisk trot toward the point of interest. Unfortunately the Sheriff had some other business on hand, and the show was cut short.

One of the men who came over with the prisoner remarked that, "that fellow could lick any fifteen men in Wilson county."

The Wilson Advance, April 18, 1895

A Stolen Watch.

Last week while some dozens of our busy citizens were standing on the platform waiting to see the train go by, a dude darky, with a through ticket for New York, stepped up and asked if any one

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[sic.] wanted to buy a watch, and produced a pretty ladies gold watch. On being questioned he claimed to have bought it from a pawn broker and that he was hard up and would take five dollars cash. The boys all made a dive to catch on but not one in the crowd could raise the wind. Willie Moore just then espied his father and borrowed the money. The watch was transferred to his keeping and he immediately became the envy of the crowd.

It was not long before he had sold the watch to another at a profit but just about that time Mr. Frank Giddings, of Goldsboro, came along with the sad news that the watch had been stolen from parties in his town. Police officer Harrell got on the track of the darkey and overtook him about three miles from town, when cornered the scamp confessed and shelled out what money he had left. Harrell brought the man to town and after a preliminary trial he was lodged in jail. Giddings took the watch back to Goldsboro. The boys are looking out for another snap.

The Wilson Advance, September 5, 1895
Excerpt from the column "Local"

The sales at the Centre were enlivened yesterday by a fight. A pinhooker and his customer had a little misunderstanding which resulted in a fist and skull encounter, in which the pinhooker came out victorious.

Eastern Reflector, Greenville, N. C., May 29, 1908

Ugly Case From Beaver Dam
Two Committed to Jail for Bigamy—
Woman's First Husband Indifferent.

Justice of the Peace C. D. Rountree had a case before him a few days ago that was out of the ordinary and attracted considerable interest, especially in the neighborhood in which it originated. J. H. Moore, of Beaver Dam township, married a wife and to them four children were born. Some weeks ago a single man named John Lacy got Mrs. Moore to run away with him and they went to Richmond, where they were married. After staying in Kinston about a month they returned to this county and to the neighborhood from which they had gone, where they continued living together, much to the disgust of the people of the community. As the first husband of the woman took no notice of or action in the matter, other people became so indignant that they procured a warrant for Lacy and the woman. The case was heard before Justice Rountree, who found sufficient evidence to bind the parties over to Superior court. They could not give bond and were both placed in jail.

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Wilson Daily Times, January 13, 1911

Released on $5,000 Bail
George Smith, Accused of Killing Berger Smith, Allowed to Leave Jail.

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 29.—In a habeas corpus hearing yesterday afternoon before Judge W. H. Allen, George Smith, the young white man charged with killing Berger Smith on Christmas eve night, was allowed to leave jail, after giving bail for $5,000. In allowing Smith to give bail, Judge Allen stated that he saw no evidence whatever to justify the belief that the killing was in any way premeditated, and therefore he saw no reason why the prisoner should not be allowed to give bail.

Wilson Daily Times, February 17, 1911

Thieves Arrested.

Last night two young negroes stole some goods from the store of Mr. Joe Coley and ran off in the darkness. Two boys were arrested today charged with the larceny and will be given a preliminary hearing tomorrow morning.

Wilson Daily Times, February 24, 1911

Placed in Wilson Jail.

Herbert Horton, alias Goldie, who is charged with striking a negro woman on the head with a beer bottle in Wilson [some] time ago was arrested yesterday at Bailey and brought here and placed in jail to await trial at Wilson Superior Court. The woman struck has been totally blind ever since the blow.

Wilson Daily Times, August 22, 1911

Wiley Powell Hoodoed.

Wiley Powell, a negro was here yesterday seeking information from Sheriff Sharpe as to how to get $5.00 back he sent to Sherman Haskins, a "cunger doctor" at Trenton, N. C.

Powell insisted that he was "hoodooed" twice. That because he was "hoodoed by the evil spirits" he sent five dollars to Haskins to have the spell removed, and not hearing anything he wanted his money back.

The negro claims there is a trouble with his knee where the "hoodoo" is located and the only medicine that will do him any good is green gourd seed tea. When he drinks much of this he feels as if he flies away from the "hoodoo." But whenever he strikes terra firma the "hoodoo" again appears. The negro was instructed by Deputy Howard Rowe to visit Dr. Paschal of Black Creek, who is a noted mover of the "hoodoo." In fact it is said Dr. Paschal can tell a "hoodoo" a mile away, catches him in both hands and chokes the life out of him. In fact the "hoodoo" stands in such fear of the doctor that he runs just as soon as he sees the Doctor coming.

Wilson Daily Times, October 20, 1911

A Little Girl Attacked.

Rocky Mount, Oct. 17.—Only the fact that her screams were heard by passers-by prevented a criminal assault on Ethel Rice, the 11 year old daughter of W. D. Rice, of South Rocky Mount,

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while the girl was returning from school yesterday afternoon. A man named Jones [is] in the city jail. Excitement in the neighborhood of the Rice home was intense, but the police succeeded in getting the man to the lock up after the girl had identified him. The child was passing a clump of bushes near the woods when the man walked out toward her. She says that he spoke to her and then took hold of her and attempted to remove part of her clothing. She screamed and the sound of her cries reached Officer S. D. Taylor and a companion who were driving near the scene of the attempted crime. They called out to the girl and the man rushed into the woods. Before the officers reached the scene however, the child had reached her home nearby and rushed screaming to her mother. The officers chased the man into the woods with a crowd of railroad men who came upon the scene with him. They caught Jones and brought him before the child.

That's the man! That's the man! The girl cried, hiding behind her mother's skirt. Despite the mutterings of the crowd Officer Taylor placed Jones in the carriage and hurried him to the Rocky Mount jail. Jones does not deny the crime.

Jones has been recognized by acquaintances who say his name is J. K. Jones. He is married and has one child.

Wilson Daily Times, October 20, 1911

Jones Denies He is the Culprit.

J. K. Jones denies that he is the man. In an interview at the jail today he said that he was coming home from his work and that he had not seen the girl until the officer took him before her. Officer Taylor declares that Jones turned white and appeared greatly frightened when he arrested him. He did not appear to have been drunk. Efforts were made to get Jones out on bond last night through his attorney, T. T. Horne. Up to a late hour they had failed. Jones will be given a speedy trial in the morning.

Feeling is high in South Rocky Mount, but there is little likelihood of any violence.

Wilson Daily Times, October 20, 1911

NEGRO SHOT.
A Close Shave But Will Probably Recover

Last evening about eight o'clock a shooting affray occurred on Stantonsburg road in the colored settlement on the outskirts of the city and Will Jenkins lies in one of Mr. R. J. Taylor's houses with a bullet in his right arm and another in the right side near the center. If it had gone an inch further according to Dr. Mitchener this wound would have proved fatal, as it is the chances for the recovery of the wounded man are very good.

The negro who did the shooting is named Bud Watson and the trouble as usual resulted over a woman, too much liquor and a handy gun.

Bud jumped on a northbound freight at Jones street crossing and made his escape.

Only yesterday morning Jenkins, the wounded man, was tried before Mr. W. R. Wood, for the larceny of a watch. He was found guilty and placed under a bond of $25.00 for his appearance at court. About four o'clock he gave bond and was released and at eight o'clock he had two bullets fired into him.

Bud Watson, the negro who did the shooting, was an employee of the Hudson Lumber Co., at Simms and came down to Wilson on a lark and got in trouble.

Wilson Daily Times, October 24, 1911

[No headline]

Taken from the rack on the late train Thursday night, a willow basket with a raincoat, 2 souviner [sic.] flags, and a purse with E. L. H. on it, will pay for a return of these to Ella L. Hart, Farmville, N. C.

The Wilson Daily Times, November 2, 1911

Ed. Walker Badly Shot.

Ed. Walker, alias Texas, commonly called "Teck" was badly shot yesterday morning on Spring street near Spruce by Herbert Horton alias Goldie.

He was shot twice, one in the arm the ball passing into the bowels and again in the shoulder, the bullet entering the neck. The bullet entering the neck was abstracted. The one in the abdomen still remains.

Dr. Mitchener attended the injured man, who is resting comfortably with strong hopes of his recovery.

The authorities were looking for Horton all yesterday evening, the report having gone out that he went towards Raleigh. He did not get far from Wilson, however, for he was caught about ten o'clock this morning in the home of Mandy Bishop, a negro woman who lives not far from the scene of the crime.

It seems that Teck and Goldie had been gambling in one of the negro houses that infest that quarter the "red light" section of the city and became involved in a quarrel over the result of the game.

Holden, or "Teck" went out and it seems, that Horton, or "Goldie" was lying in wait for him in Vick's alley that opens on Spring street.

Eli Saunders, a negro, who was walking with Horton at the time Teck appeared from the alley gives the following account of the occurrence.

Me and Teck were walking together when Goldie came out of the alley and said to Teck, "So you went after your gun, did you?"

"Teck said, No. and before he had finished talking Goldie flashed his gun out and fired. And as Teck started to run he fired again. Goldie then walked leisurely away, others came up and we helped Teck in the house."

MAYOR'S COURT

Wilson Daily Times, January 13, 1911

Asberry Anderson, charged with disorderly conduct, paid $3.25 cost this morning.

Wilson Daily Times, February 14, 1911

John Lafferty, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was fined $2.50 this morning.

John Moore, charged with being drunk and down, was fined $2.50.

Wilson Daily Times, February 17, 1911

O. V. White, charged with being drunk and down, was unable to pay a fine of $3.50 this morning and was committed to jail.

Jim Farmer, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was also committed in default of paying a fine of $7.25.

Tom Faison, charged with retailing liquor, was discharged.

Wilson Daily Times, September 26, 1911

Will Jeffreys was fined $10.00 for hitting John Oates on the head with a beer bottle and Oates was fined $4.00 for being mixed up in the case.

Wilson Daily Times, October 3, 1911

There were several important cases before Mayor Dickinson this morning.

Isaac Hathaway drunk and disorderly. Plead [sic.] guilty and was fined $5.55.

It seems that Isaac was bothering the driver of the Pepsi-Cola Bottle works by threatening to hit him with a bottle.

George Copeland charged with vagrancy by officer Webb, is a strange negro who was seen hanging around a house near the Coast Line depot. For 10 days he has been without employment and not being able to give an account of himself he was ordered to appear next Saturday morning, Oct. 7th and show he had employment or leave town. The negro has some money, but his actions have been suspicious. Officer Webb did right to make him give a good account of himself.

Ephraim Bass from Black Creek come [sic.] over to Wilson to clerk in a store today, and was found selling booze in the alley back of Central Brick warehouse. Officer Webb saw him deliver the whiskey and take the money. Gave bond in the sum of $100 for his appearance Monday morning.

Wilson Daily Times, October 3, 1911

The blind tiger case against Ephraim Bass, of Black Creek who was caught selling liquor in rear of Watson Warehouse show day was continued until Saturday morning.

The other blind tiger case against James Mourning was disposed of. He was placed under a bond of $100 for his appearance at court.

Frank Scott drunk on streets $4.00.

Mayor's Court
(Continued from yesterday)

There were so many cases before Mayor Dickinson yesterday that we were unable to publish them all and so finish them up today.

Anderson Dew was fine $1.50 for leaving horse untied.

E. L. Wynne $5.00 for shooting in town.

R. E. Townsend $1.00 allowing dog to run at large.

B. S. Garris riding bicycle on sidewalk.

Wiley Amerson $1.00 allowing dog to run at large.

Douglas Williford $7.00 disorderly conduct.

Martha Farmer $4.50 for disorderly conduct.

Douglas Hackney allowing dogs to run at large $2.00.

Tobe Barnes disorderly $9.00.

Archie Rawls scrapping with Claude Williams $6.80.

Luther Jones, larceny of watch property of Catherine Clark., 6 months on the roads.

Willie Harris (colored) receiving stolen goods from Luther Jones, property [of] Catherine Clark.

Paul Dixon also mixed up with the larceny of hand bag from Catherine Clark.

Wilson Daily Times, October 3, 1911

The Mayor went after the bicycle riders this morning who use their wheels at night on the sidewalk without a light. Messrs. H. D. Walker, J. T. Thorne, Floyd Bell and Elmo Walls were each fined a dollar.

Sis Speerman a negro woman was charged $10.00 for being disorderly.

Wesley Rodgers paid $1.00 for allowing a bull dog to run at large on the streets.

Henry Best colored was charged $10.85 for obtaining money under false pretenses from C. R. Rodgers. It seems that Rodgers let Henry have 50 cents sometime [sic.] ago, with which to buy liquor and failed to return with the money or the goods. He was sent to the roads for 30 days.

Wilson Daily Times, October 10, 1911

Robert Scarboro was fine $10.00 this morning for disorderly conduct.

John Scarboro was fined $4.75 for disorderly conduct.

Wilson Daily Times, October 24, 1911

There were thirteen cases before the Mayor this morning, the majority of them for disorderly conduct though there were two for conducting blind tigers. ["Blind tiger" is an establishment that illegally sells alcoholic beverages.]

Smoot Tucker had a strong array of cases against him, four for disorderly conduct and one for resisting an officer. The fun cost him $19.45.

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Oscar Green paid $7.35 for being mixed up with Smoot in one case.

Julius Webb was fined $4.75 for being drunk on the street.

Cleveland Cole was fined $13.15 for trying to break in a negro woman's home.

Bolden Tyson was fined $7.15 for being drunk and disorderly.

C. L. Capps was fined $1.00 for riding a bicycle on the pavement at the A. C. L. depot.

Alonzo Wootten, a negro, was charged with throwing a rock at Lula Davis, a negro woman.

Alonzo said he had been working with the "Old Plantation" at the carnival and staid [sic.] over here to join John Robinson's show. He denied throwing a rock at the negro woman and said he wouldn't think of throwing a rock at any woman.

Finding no evidence against him the mayor let him go and Alonzo ran out to get from under the clutches of the law.

Sis Spearman was sent to the roads for 60 days. She appealed and was placed under $100 bond.

Tobe Barnes was placed under $50.00 bond to court.

He is also charged with conducting a blind tiger and appealed. His sentence was also to the roads.

Wilson Daily Times, December 29, 1911

Only One Party.

There was only one party before Mayor Dickinson this morning, "but what the Mayor did to him was a plenty."

Wiley Barefoot was charged $20.55 for carrying a concealed weapon and with that self same weapon held up Eddie Parish, another negro and took from him a ten dollar bill, which Eddie said he found. For this offense he was charged $18.95. Eddie [sic.] statement was tragic and ran something like this:

"Boss I was qwine down de street and seed a ten dollar bill and naturally picked it up and stuck it in my pocket when dis yere nigger seed me, shoved a gun in ma face and said give it to me nigger, dots mine and I give it to him, and den he says, get nigger and I got, and I los no time er gitten."

Wilson Daily Times, December 22, 1911

Stole a Bicycle.

There was only one case before Mayor Dickinson, this morning, that of Leslie Farmer, a negro boy, who was caught trying to steal a bicycle the property of Mr. Spurgeon Conyers who is employed at the store of Messrs. R. H. Fulghum and Co., in this city.

The wheel was standing in front of the store when Leslie came along and touching the wheel pushed it over. In picking it up and setting it by the building he moved it a few feet away, furtively casting at the same time glances around in order to see whether any one was watching him.

His actions were so suspicious that Mr. Conyers decided to keep his "peepers" on him, and pretty soon he noticed the boy sneaking off with the wheel. Starting in pursuit he caught him, and with Mr. Frank Winstead they started to turn him over to a policeman.

On the way the negro after telling them he thought the wheel was the property of his employer, Dave Carey, he jerked away and ran, with the captors hot after him.

He was caught on Broad street in front of Mr. Wiley Barnes. Mr. Frank Felton was phoned for and the negro was locked up.

This morning he was given four months on the roads.

THE PURLOINED PIG

The Wilson Advance, February 21, 1895

Be Sure Your Sins Will Find You Out.
Or Pigs Will Come Home to Root.

One day last week Mr. Mark Ward missed one of his pigs and on searching around he found some tracks in the snow which led him to believe that the said piggie had been violently forced to leave the scenes of his early days. In fact a further investigation proved that the innocent one had been dragged a short distance away and foully murdered. Mr. Ward brought out his steed and proceeded to follow up the bloody trail. It was soon apparent that the murderer was heading for Wilson, and thence Mr. Ward shaped his course. On arriving at the outskirts of the town Mr. Ward found that the coldness of the weather and anxiety of mind had reduced his temperature to that state where, so to speak, the mercury had all run down into the bulb, hence a short stop at Mr. Rose's was made a necessity. After going through the usual warming process he naturally was led to speak of his deep affliction, when lo! Mr. Rose remarks [sic.] that a certain Caleb Dawes had that very morning, at an early hour, left a dead pig answering to his description with him, (Mr. Rose.)

It afterward transpired that Caleb had offered the pig for sale, but as the hour was early (3 a. m.) purchasers were few, and hence the body was deposited with Mr. Rose to await the convenience of less early birds than he.

On a setting forth of the above facts Caleb was requested to explain his ownership, and failing to satisfy the authorities he was sent over to lodge with the boarders at the free hotel.

The Wilson Advance, February 28, 1895

A Correction

Last week we published a report of the arrest of one Caleb Dawes, who was charged with the stealing of a pig. Our informant, (who claimed to have been present at the trial) seems to have been a little mixed as to the facts in the case.

The pig was supposed to have been stolen from Mark Barnes, and not Mark Ward.

The pig was left at Wards Hotel and did not find its way to Mr. Roses store until late in the day, when one of Mr. Ward's servants carried it there to be weighed. We were innocently led into making the erroneous statements by putting too much faith in our fellow man.

DEATH OF W. T. BAKER

The Tarboro Southerner, July 30, 1891
Reprint from *Lines & Pathways of Edgecombe*, July 2014

In Defence [sic.] of His Son
"I'll Crush His Face and Eyes into One"
Baker's Brutality Causes His Death

Saturday evening W. T. Baker in No. 6 township near the Halifax line died from the effects of blows on the head from a gun in the hands of Henry Walston. There were no witnesses to the fight between these men saye (?) David Walston, a cripple, his son, and Henry Walston, therefore Walston's statement probably gives all the particulars so far as this world will know.

Henry Walston is a white man with a wife and six living children living on the farm of William Draughan. His face, as the Southerner reporter saw it this morning through the grating of the county jail in which he was placed Sunday, is not the face of a bully, but rather that of one showing but little resentment. In detailing the conversation and everything concerning the fatal blows which ended Baker's life he showed no excitement and spoke in a deprecatory manner, yet it was evident that the men felt that he only did what he was compelled to do.

The history of the killing as he tells it is as follows:

"I had started to cary a gun to Mr. Bardley Bryan who lives [illegible] Speir Bellamy's farm, when I heard my boy Dave screaming 'Papy! Papy!' I hastened to him, but before I got there I saw him in the grap of W. T. Baker who was beating him. I ordered Baker to let the boy go. Baker said with an oath that he would not. I told him if he had any cause of complaint against the boy he should come to me. No argument would make him take his clutches off the child or allay his temper. I finally told him if he did not I should certainly hit him. Baker said he would not turn him loose till he smashed his face and eyes into one and then he would do the same thing for me. With this threat he slapped Dave and turned toward me at the same time thrusting his hand in his hip pocket. I struck him over the head with the gun. The blow staggered him for a little while, but he soon rallied and started for me again. And I struck him again. This time he fell and lay unconscious.

"I hurried to Mr. Draughan told him what had occurred and asked him to send for a doctor, which did. I never saw Baker after I left him. Mr. Draughan went to him and said he talked but not rationally. I had no idea that I would kill the man. Had I wished to kill him, with no less risk to myself I could have done so, for both barrels of the gun were loaded. My first idea was to shoot him when I saw him beating my boy, but the thought of killing restrained me.

"Why was he beating Dave? The boy it seems had been a few days before to Baker's house and saw some of the family playing cards and one of the daughters without any clothes on and had spoken of it. This I am assured is what make Baker so angry. Baker lived on the adjoining farm, Mr. Speir Bellamy's. I am sorry that I killed Baker but I don't see what else I could have done."

There has been a general expression of sympathy for Mr. Walston. Not a voice has been heard in adverse comment. One who weights well his words before uttering them said he would have done exactly what Walston did, only sooner. The general expression was he could not have done otherwise.

[Editor's notes: This Henry Walston may have been the Henry Walston, age 20, of Edgecombe County, N. C., who married Ellen Alsbrook, 18, of Edgecombe County, N. C., on December 23, 1872. Henry was the son of Josiah Walston, living, and Sarah Walston, deceased. Ellen was the daughter of Lewis Alsbrook, living, and ___ Alsbrook, living.

In the 1880 census, they were recorded in the Roseneath Township, Halifax County, N. C. Henry was 27, laborer, and Ellen, his wife, was 25. They had three children: Edward, 16; David, 8: and Clara, 1.

In the 1900 census, they were still recorded in the Roseneath Township of Halifax County. The household was comprised of the following:

Henry Walston, head, b. Apr. 1853, farmer, married 27 years

Ellen Walston, wife, b. Sept. 1855, 12 births, 8 living children

Edward A.Walston, son, b. Aug. 1875, farm laborer

Josiah Walston, son, b. Feb. 1886

Henry Walston, son, b. May 1890

Moses L. Walston, son, b. July 1893

John D. Walston, son, b. Dec. 1898

According to the family tree on Ancestry.com, the other child was a daughter Maggie, b. Oct. 1882.

Ancestry.com was the source for all of this information. The digital images of the 1880 and 1900 census records and the marriage certificate were viewed as well as the family tree.]

MAYOR'S COURT

Wilson Daily Times, October 6, 1913

Whipped His Wife.

Squire Barnes tried the case of James McKennon charged with beating his wife, this morning and fined him $25.45 for his brutal act.

It seems that Nellie, his wife, wanted to attend a convention which was being held at a church in Lucama. He refused to allow her this privilege but she went regardless of his protests. When she returned he whipped her.

Mrs. McKennon testified that her husband was naturally cruel to her but especially so whenever she went to any religious service.

WCGS MEETING MINUTES

The Wilson County Genealogy Society met September 29, 2015, in the assembly room of the Wilson County Public Library. Following the call to order by President Joan Howell, the treasurer's report was presented by Wanda Lamm Taylor. Howell highlighted one announcement in the current issue of *Trees*. Ancestry Day is coming to Raleigh on November 7, 2015. It will be a day of learning and fun with experts from Ancestry.com. The event will be held at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. More information can be found at http://www.ncgenealogy.org.

Howell commended Lois Bass, Ruby Reason, and Barbara Ferrell for their efforts to make the church records for the Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church available. If anyone wishes to order a CD of the records, please contact Howell, and we can batch our order. Contentnea and Upper Black Creek records have been microfilmed and are at the NC State Archives in Raleigh.

The first order of Wilson Cemeteries, Vol. 5 is nearly sold out, so the Society is ordering 25 more. The board of WCGS suggested that we have a Face book page set up for WCGS, and Will Robinson has agreed to set it up for us. Our supply of brochures containing items for sale by the Society is nearly depleted. Sue Powell is in the process of updating the brochure.

February 2016 will be the 25th anniversary of WCGS. The society is making plans to celebrate this milestone. A slate of officers was presented, with the notable absence of a candidate for president. If anyone wishes to serve as president, please contact Joan Howell as soon as possible. The nominating committee presented the following slate: President: vacant; Vice President, Joan Howell; Secretary, Deborah Webb; Treasurer, Wanda Taylor; board member, vacant. No nominations were presented from the floor. The officers will be voted on at the November meeting.

Carol Forbes introduced the speaker for the evening, Leonard Lanier, Associate Curator at the Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, NC. He spoke to us about the North Carolina Civil War History Center, anticipated to open in Fayetteville, NC in 2020, on the grounds of the former Confederate Arsenal. Lanier said that the overall goal of the NCCWHC is to create a comprehensive portrait of North Carolina history that spans the Antebellum, Civil War, and Reconstruction periods. The History Center is collecting up to 10,000 stories, 100 from each NC County, that will help support the narrative of the war and the decades before and after. The History Center will be a teaching museum rather than a collecting museum. Some digital collections should be available as early as 2017. Our state is the first state in the nation to attempt to tell the story of the effect of this era on its history from all points of view. Lanier is the coordinator of story collection for ten counties, including Wilson County. If you have a story to share, contact can be made at www.nccivilwarcenter.org.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Webb, secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Treasures of Carolina: Stories from the State Archives of North Carolina,"** An Exhibit of Ordinary and Extraordinary Documents from the State Archives of North Carolina, a selection of the state's historic documents will be exhibited at the Museum of History, Oct. 24, 2015—June 19, 2016.
- **Ancestry Day** is coming to Raleigh on 7 November 2015. Join us for a day of learning and fun with experts from Ancestry.com. The Friends of the Archives, North Carolina State Archives and State Library, and NCGS are presenting this event, which comes to North Carolina for the first time on Saturday, 7 November 2015. The event will be held at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. More information can be found at http://www.ncgenealogy.org . Register online today for this exciting event.
- **Classes at State Archives**, Nov. 6, 2015. "Before the Vital Records Law: What's a Family Historian to Do?" at 1 pm. "An Introduction to Research Tools" at 3 pm. Limited to 200 registrants. http://www.eventbrite.com/e/ancestry-day-in-raleigh-tickets-6296050657
- **Edgecombe County Genealogical Society** usually meets at the Edgecombe County Memorial Library, in Tarboro, N. C., at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month.
- **Greene County Family Researchers** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Greene County Museum in Snow Hill, N. C
- **Old Dobbs Genealogical Society** meets at 10:30 am the third Saturday of each calendar quarter, at the Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, N. C.
- **Tar River Connections Genealogical Society** meets at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except Dec., at the Braswell Memorial Library in Rocky Mount, N. C.
- **Pitt County Family Researchers** meet at 7:00 pm, third Tuesdays, at Sheppard Memorial Library, 530 Evans St., Greenville, N. C.

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TREES OF WILSON

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President's Message

Thanksgiving... time for gathering with family and enjoying a hearty meal together. It is a time, too, to reflect on blessings for which we are most thankful. In addition to those usual blessings, this year I am reflecting on all the benefits that have come from having a genealogical society where we meet with others who share our interest in knowing more about our ancestors. We learn from interesting programs and from sharing ideas and information with each another.

Our society has also been of benefit to others who can't attend the meetings. Several books have resulted from members' efforts, making research more convenient. This newsletter, containing articles of various families, is a result of member contributions and its editor's efforts.

The society purchases materials for the library. Members have been regular volunteers in the Wilson County Public Library Genealogy and Local History Room.

That's the good news! Now for the not-so-good news. As is the case with many groups, our attendance is not what we would like it to be. Even though we mail 200 *Trees of Wilson* each month, our usual attendance at meetings is about twenty. We would really like members who live in the Wilson area to join us so we could get to know each other.

If you have an opportunity, please join us! Our November meeting will be the last one of the year. Looking forward to seeing some new faces!

Joan L. Howell

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library Assembly Room, Nov. 24th

Please join us for our meeting on November 24th at the library. Ask at the reception desk for directions.

This will be our annual meeting at which time reports of the 2015 activities of the society will be presented.

Officers for 2016 will be installed. The following persons have been elected:

President: vacant
Vice-president: vacant
Secretary: Deborah Webb
Treasurer: Wanda Lamm
Board Member: Carroll Gaissert

Sue Powell and Jerry Stancil are currently serving continuing terms as board members.

Following the meeting, we will have a social to honor the 2015 and 2016 officers. Refreshments will be served. Members are asked to bring a sweet or savory to share.

Please mark your calendars for the 2016 meetings:

Jan. 26	Apr. 26	Sept. 27
Feb. 23	May 31	Oct. 25
Mar. 29		Nov. 29

DUES FOR 2016 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. Please submit yours now while it is on your mind.

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WILSON BUSINESSES

Extract from an article about Wilson included in the *Raleigh State Chronicle*, May 31, 1899

Contributed by Robert Rountree

GENERAL MERCHANDISE. OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS

There are many other similar establishments in Wilson of which we can only speak in general terms. MR. J. T. WIGGINS has a large store on Tarboro street. He has been one of Wilson's most successful men and has made a great deal of money in the twenty years he has been in business.

Next door is the firm of J. D. & S. C. WELLS which is doing a good business. MR. J. D. WELLS of this firm also carries on business at Toisnot and is one of the most progressive farmers in the county.

On Nash street, MOSS & LIPSCOMBE, two of the most excellent and popular young men in the county do a successful business. Further on up the same street MR. W. J. HARRIS who has been remarkably successful does business.

On the corner of Tarboro and Barnes street MR. JOHN C. HADLEY carries on a prosperous business. On Tarboro street MR. J. F. FARMER carries on a prosperous business. He was at one time member of the firm of BRANCH, HADLEY & CO. He is now Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

Among the other dealers in general merchandize are Messrs. JOHN T. BARNES, JOE VICK, LEE & SON, C. B. RUFFIN, ELI N. MERCER, L. H. FULCHER, BAKER BROS., WILEY CORBETT, MR. BOYKIN, and perhaps others whose names we do not now recall.

[Editor's note: Paragraphs were added for ease in reading.]

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GREAT WILSONIANS

Contributed by Perry Morrison

[Editor's note: At our April meeting, Mr. Morrison presented a most enjoyable program, in the format of a "Jeopardy" game, about Wilsonians "who have participated on the national stage." They have had a connection with Wilson but were also notable outside of North Carolina. With his permission, we will include the descriptions of the persons in *Trees of Wilson* and hope you will enjoy trying to name them. The answer will be hidden somewhere within the same issue of Trees.

I grew up in a family of great lawyers, and my brother was the federal judge who had built the beautiful post office and courthouse on Nash Street. I founded the first state historical commission in the United States in 1909, and FDR summoned me from my cushy position as a history professor in Chapel Hill to be the nation's first archivist. I organized the national archives and made plans for the public display of the Declaration of Independence. I also developed the concept of the presidential library and designed the first one in Hyde Park, NY.

SETH HIGH

***Wilson Daily Times*, August 24, 1911**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

GOES TO WASHINGTON

Mr. Seth High will leave for Washington the first of September to take a position under the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate secured though the influence of Hon. Claude Kitchin, Congressman from this district. Mr. High is a prominent young merchant of this city and hails from the Old Fields section of the county. He is a "true blue" democrat and a man of sterling worth.

His folks before him from time immemorial were democrats, his father being for a long period court crier for Wilson county. The days of populism and of fusion with republicanism, notwithstanding the fact that Old Fields was Republican at that time did not affect the political opinions of the Highs who seemed to grow stronger in the faith as the tide went the stronger against them. Again Seth is a good farmer, having remained a number of years in charge of the farm and the inmates at the county home, a position very capably filled by Mr. Bill Stott. We rejoice with him in his good fortune.

[Editor's notes: In 1900, Seth E. High, born November 1876, farmer; and his wife Lura B., born January 1880; lived in Old Fields Township.

S. E. High, 23, Old Fields resident, married Lura B. Daniel, 19, Nash County resident, on January 4, 1900, at Pleasant Grove, Old Fields. R. Barnes, J. P., performed the marriage, and S. G. High, E. J. High and J. F. Boyett were the witnesses.

According to the 1800 Wilson County Census, Alison and Bettie High were his parents.

Sources: *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe
Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, J. Robert Boykin, III
Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census, J. Robert Boykin, III]

A SOLILIQUY

***Wilson Daily Times*, June 30, 1911**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

I was thinking of dear old Wilson, today.
The place next to heaven, I'd like to stay.

I could see the court house green, every shady street;
I could see the court house green, where we oft used to meet.

It was a pleasure to step into the Court house yard and find a seat,
We'd talk about the weather, crops, and good things to eat.

Sometimes it would be politics, when candidates were around,
Sometimes the old soldiers would cover the ground.

They'd talk about marches tramped, battles fought, charges made.
It was a pleasure to listen to all this beneath the old elm's shade.

Only a few of those are left who often gathered there,
In thirty years the grim reaper has taken his share.

There was John T. Barnes, whose heart was as good as gold,
Moses Rountree, lovable, but as quaint as Socrates of old.

Emil Rosenthal, who gave food and fuel to the poor,
May Warren, who for every body [sic.] kept an open door.

Jack Simms, the smallest but biggest man in town,
George Blount, a Christian, a lawyer of renown.

Tom Hadley, who positively abhorred all wrong,
Frank Barnes, happy as the day was long.

Jim Davis, a Homer and Milton combined,
Tom Davis, a believer in all mankind.

Ben Briggs, whose charity knew no end,
Gus Barnes, his purpose you could not bend.

Bob Taylor, his convictions he hurled like a ball,
Jonas Crowell, with his "God bless you all."

Tom Rowe, his laughter and wit I can hear,
Barney Cox, poor soul, would often drop a tear.

Pete Christman, chief of police, billy in his hand,
Jim Marshbourn, with his stick, drawing a turkey in the sand.

Pat Wooten, who has taken many to their last resting place,
Blake Rhodes, who fought, but had no use for an Irishman's face.

There are many others whose names I could repeat.
But some have gone to their last home, empty is their seat.

I often wonder if when on heaven's court of green they meet
Do they remember the court house green on old Nash street.

Will they meet us when Christ ferries us across that dark stream,
That divides our court house yard, from heaven's court of green.

SANFORD M. WARREN

DR. FRANCIS MARION MOYE

Wilson Daily Times, October 23, 1910

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Dr. Moye to Leave Wilson

The news that Dr. F. M. Moye will move to New Bern will be read with genuine regret not only by the Masonic fraternity of this section but by our people generally, for Dr. Moye is one of our most popular citizens known and liked by all our people.

Dr. Moye moved to Wilson from Moyton, this county, about twenty years ago. At Moyton he first practiced medicine and later went in the mercantile business. Since locating in Wilson he has been actively engaged in Masonic work and has visited every lodge in the state as lecturer.

Dr. Moye is a Past Grand Master of the State Grand Lodge and no one excels him in the knowledge and love of that order.

Dr. Moye is a gentleman of culture personality, and genial sympathetic in nature and of charming companionship. Possessing elegant manners and excellent virtues, to know him is to admire him. He [sic] legion of friends in this county will regret to learn that he is to cast his lot elsewhere and wish for him happiness and prosperity in his newly chosen home.

[Editor's notes: In 1860, Macon Moye, 58, farmer; Emily, 44; and Marion Moye, 20, student of medicine, lived in Saratoga District. C. C. Peacock, physician, lived next door.

In 1870, Francis M. Moye, 29, farmer, lived in Stantonsburg Township. Emily E. Moye, 53; David Ward, 9; Wyatt Ward, 7; Celia Craft, 10, domestic servant; and Willis Barnes, 18, clerk in store; lived with him.

In 1880, Frances Moye, 40, merchant; his mother, Emily E., 64; and James K. Peacock, 21, clerk in store; lived in Stantonsburg Township. *Wilson County's Founding Families,* Sue Evans Powell and Henry Powell]

NORTH CAROLINA TIMELINE: 1663-1760

Compiled by Debbi Blake

The below information is a portion of the North Carolina timeline compiled by Debbie Blake ... reprinted from NCGS News Vol. 22, No. 2, No. 4.

1663 Carolina Charter granted by King Charles II to the eight Lords Proprietor[s]

1664 Albemarle, Clarendon and Craven Counties formed

1667 Clarendon County abandoned

1668 Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank and Perquimans Precincts (of Albemarle) formed

1670 Settlement of Craven County (on the Ashley River in South Carolina) begins

1670 Colony-wide General Court established

1690 French colony from Virginia settles on Pamlico River

1696 Bath County formed

1705 Archdale (Craven), Pamptecough (Beaufort), and Wickham (Hyde) Precincts formed

1706 Bath (town) becomes first incorporated town in North Carolina

1710 New Bern founded by DeGraffenreid and Swiss and German colonists

1711-1715 Tuscarora War

1712 Beaufort, Craven, and Hyde Counties names changed from Pamptecough, Archdale, and Wickham

1712 Craven County records destroyed by Indians

1722 Bertie and Carteret Counties formed

1725 Patents issued to settle lower Cape Fear

1725 Seven of the eight Lords Proprietors sell their shares to King George II, making North Carolina a royal colony

1729 New Hanover and Tyrrell Counties formed

1734 Bladen and Onslow Counties formed

1739-1748 Spanish Alarm

1739 Bath and Albemarle Counties discontinued

1741 Edgecombe and Northampton Counties formed

1743 Granville District boundary established

1746 Granville and Johnston Counties formed

1750 Anson and Duplin Counties formed

1752 Orange County formed

1752 Onslow County records destroyed by storm

1753 Rowan County formed

1753 Moravians from Pennsylvania settle in piedmont at Wachovia

1754 Cumberland County formed

1754 District courts established in Edenton, Enfield, New Bern, Wilmington and Salisbury

1755 Onslow County records destroyed by storm

1755-1763 French and Indian War

1758 Dobbs and Halifax Counties formed

1759 Hertford County formed

1759 Halifax district court replaces Enfield

1760 Pitt County formed

1762 Mecklenburg County formed

1764 Brunswick and Bute Counties formed

1768 Hillsborough District Court established

1768 Tryon County formed

1768-1771 War of the Regulation

1770 Bladen County courthouse fire

1771 Guilford, Surry, Chatham and Wake Counties formed

1774 Martin County formed

1775 Governor disbands court system

1776-1783 Revolutionary War

1776 Granville District lands confiscated

1777 Burke, Camden, Caswell, Nash and Wilkes Counties formed

1779 Tryon and Bute Counties discontinued

1779 Franklin, Gates, Jones, Lincoln, Montgomery, Rutherford, Randolph, Richmond, Warren and Wayne Counties formed

1781 Guilford County courthouse fire

1781 Orange County records destroyed when

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buried in woods to avoid capture or destructtion by Cornwallis

1781 Wayne County records may have been destroyed in a courthouse fire

1782 Morganton District court established

1784 State of Franklin formed

1785 Rockingham County formed

1786 Onslow County records destroyed by storm

1787 Robeson County formed

1787 Fayetteville District court established

1788 State of Franklin discontinued

1788 Site chosen for new capital

1788 Iredell County formed

1789 North Carolina ratified the Constitution

1789 North Carolina ceded western lands to federal government

1789 Stokes County formed

1791 Buncombe, Glasgow, Lenoir and Person Counties formed

1791 Raleigh became state capital

1791 Dobbs County discontinued

1792 State capitol building in Raleigh completed

1792 Cabarrus County formed

1795 Daughters began to inherit equally with sons

1797 Lincoln County records may have been destroyed by fire in private home

1798 New Hanover County courthouse fire may have destroyed some records

1799 Glasgow County discontinued

1799 Ashe, Green, Washington Counties formed.

[Editor's note: Our ancestors did not live isolated lives in their homes and at work. Some of the events happening across the colony and later the state had an impact on their lives. As you research your ancestors, keep in mind the historical events that they were experiencing. The important change that came about in 1795, when daughters began to inherit equally with sons, affected your ancestors' lives as well as your research. The county formations affect where you need to do your research. A Wilson County Timeline was included in the May 2015 issue of *Trees of Wilson*.]

SIX SIMPLE WAYS (THREE ARE FREE) TO USE ANCESTRY.COM

"Genealogy Insider," *Family Tree Magazine*, Diane Haddon, Monday, December 23, 2013

Genealogy website Ancestry.com encompasses some 31,000 databases with more than 9 billion historical records. Where's an overwhelmed genealogist to start? Here are six suggestions (half of them free) for family tree tasks you can do on the site.

1. Explore what's available for free. The site also offers a surprising number of free data collections. To find them, go to the Card Catalog, type free in the keyword blank and click Search. And remember that many libraries and FamilySearch Centers offer free access to almost all the site's databases through Ancestry Library Edition.

2. Create or upload your family tree. It's free to put your own family tree files on Ancestry.com, a way to share information and organize your research. A subscription will allow you to view the site's suggested matches in records, as well as see other members' trees that overlap with yours.

3. Follow hints. Once you've created a tree, the site will automatically search for record matches. A leaf icon in the corner of an ancestor's box indicates there's a "hint" for that person. Click the leaf to see the hint (you'll need a subscription to see most hints). If you determine the suggested match really is your relative, you can attach the record to your tree.

4. Scour message boards. The site's vast array of message boards (identical to those on RootsWeb) is free to access. Check boards for all the surnames you're researching, as well as places where your family has lived.

5. Search. You'll get the best results by clicking Show Advanced in the upper right portion of the home page and using the advanced search options. Sometimes you get better results by searching a category of records (such as immigration or census records) or a single database. To search a category, select it from the drop-down list under Search. Use the card catalog to find individual databases.

6. Search other trees. See who else is researching your ancestors (and what they're saying about them) by searching the site's Member Trees. As with any online tree site, remember that the information isn't independently verified and may contain errors. Examine any attached records and sources cited, contact the submitter for more details, and do your own research to verify the names, dates and relationships.

[Editor's note: You may be amazed at what you can find when you search for digitized records about your ancestors. Both of my parents' college annuals have been digitized and added to Ancestry's data base. I found photographs and other information that I had not added to my research.]

OBITUARIES

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Fannie R. Brown

Wilson Daily Times, December 11, 1911

Death of Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Fannie R. Brown sister-in-law to Mr. T. C. Davis departed this life last evening and was buried this afternoon at four o'clock from the Episcopal church services by the rector, Rev. Mr. Thompson.

Mrs. Brown, like her brother, is one of Wilson's oldest citizens and was well advanced in years, at the time of her death being 70 years old.

The latter years of her life she was afflicted, yet bore these afflictions with great fortitude, ever looking to a better home beyond the stars.

The pall bearers were Messrs. W. J. Davis, Floyd Davis, T. A. Davis, Tom Davis, Jr., C. E. Blount, J. Graniger.

Zion's Landmark, March 1, 1912

Mr. Jerry Deans.

I know that I am not worthy to mention the name of this good man, Jerry Deans. I am under the impression, however, and I don't know how to rid myself of it.

He was twice married, his first wife being Annie Little, to which union were born four children, two girls and two boys. The second time he was married to Miss Lillie Boykin, and to this union were born to them three boys and two girls. I believe a good man has gone.

He was a good father, loving husband and a kind neighbor and friend. He was about 64 years when he died on the 15th of Feb. 1911. The disease from which he died is unknown, but he did not give up until the day before his demise although he was very feeble for about three weeks. He told his daughter the day before his death that he would be happy when his next paper came. He was not a member of any church. We all miss him though not like his good wife and dear children.

All was done for him that could be done, but none could stay the hand of death. We all mourn but not without hope as we believe our loss is his eternal gain. When the good Lord calls us I hope we will be ready as we believe he was.

He was not an educated man, but he took papers and his good children read them to him. He did all he could to make his home a happy one. We must know the tree by the fruit it bears. I hope the good Lord will bless his home and family for Christ's sake.

Written by his unworthy sister-in-law,

Mary Ann Deans.

Wilson, N. C.

Zion's Landmark, March 1, 1912

Mabray Ransom Hinnant

It is with a sad heart I attempt to write of the death of my dear son who departed this life Oct. 14, 1910, at the age of 29 years and 5 days.

He was married in 1907 to Sallie Ann Smith to which union one son was born, which is the joy of my life, for his father was my only child.

I can't express how much I loved my boy. He was such a comfort to me. His father died six years before and no one knows how lonely I am. He was always ready to do anything for my pleasure. He was not a member of any church but was always glad to take me, as he has loved to hear the Baptists preach ever since he was a child.

When he was away at school, I was always uneasy about him. I know he has gone but I feel better about him now than I did then, for I feel that he is at rest free from the troubles of this unfriendly world.

He suffered for several months before he died, and was operated on for appendicitis but only lived for a few days. He was a good father, a loving husband and a kind neighbor and was loved by all. He always gained friends wherever he went. I hope to meet him some day to part no more.

My dear son from me has gone
Forever with Jesus to dwell.
Oh may I meet him in that glorious beyond,
Where we will never say farewell.

Written by a heart-broken mother.

Mary A. Hinnant

Lucama, N. C.

Zion's Landmark, June 1, 1912

Mrs. Susan Matthews Lamm

The angel of death visited out home March 26, 1911, and took from us our darling mother. All that fond husband, children, kind and devoted friends and skilled physicians could do did not stay the hand of death. God called her home and it is sweet indeed to know she was willing and glad to obey the call.

Mama was born to her parents Wiley and Dollie Matthews, October 22, 1853, and was married to my father, Burkett Lamm, November 21, 1872 and was a kind and devoted wife to him for 30 years.

She was the mother of eight children seven of whom survive her, and no woman ever filled the place of mother more implicitly than she—always careful of the interest of her children—so good and gentle when one was sick, nursing them as only a mother can.

She was received and baptized in the church at Scotts the first Sunday in May, 1875, where she remained until 1897, in which year she took a letter to Upper Black Creek where she remained until death. She was baptized by Elder John Scott.

She always attended church meetings when her health permitted, but during the last few years her seat was often vacant.

She was a fond reader of the Landmark and always loked [sic.] forward with much pleasure to its coming.

I shall never forget the peaceful evenings she sat reading to Papa what she so strongly believed to be the truth. I do not believe a better woman ever lived, being highly esteemed by all who knew her and ever ready to help the sick and needy;

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and for this reason, although I believe God is wise and just, I cannot understand why she had to suffer so.

She was taken in December with LaGrippe which resulted in inflammation in the head and I have never seen anyone suffer as she did until March 26, when God in His infinite mercy took her to that bright Land of peace where sufferings are known no more.

All through the months of January and February she did not have one moments rest excepting when under the influence of narcotics. Dr. Grady of Kenly attended her through all her illness and I believe did all he could for her.

One day she fell asleep and when she awoke she said she had had such a sweet dream. She dreamed she was at church shaking hands with all the members. All seemed happy and it was the most beautiful place she had ever seen. That dream struck the death knoll of all my hopes of her recovery. I felt sure from that day that Mama would die.

Her funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Elder George Boswell at Upper Black Creek church and her remains were interred in the cemetery at that place.

I still grieve for Mama and often dream of her sweet face, but I grieve more for Papa than for myself, as he is old and afflicted and it seems that the parting from Mama has robbed his life of all its sweetness. I hope the readers of the Landmark will pray that he may be comforted here in the declining years of his life by the blessed assurance that some day he can join her in that Home, sweet home where parting is no more. And I hope all of her children will be blessed to live such a life as she lived, so that when our work here is done we can hope to be gathered home where our loved one is waiting for us.

Written by her daughter

Sallie Lamm.

Zion's Landmark, November 1, 1912

R. E. Pittman

Through a feeling sense of duty and at the request of his widow and children, I attempt to write an obituary of our deceased Brother R. E. Pittman. Brother Pittman was born in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, Sept. 9, 1839, died May 9, 1912, making his stay on earth 72 years and 8 months. He united with the Primitive Baptist church at Williams, Edgecombe County, August 1893, and was baptized by Elder J. W. Johnson. Brother Pittman received a hope in the Lord Jesus Christ many years before he made any profession. It has been by [sic.] privilege for many years to converse with him on this great and important subject and seeing as I believed the light shining in him and that upright walk and godly conversation, I would exhort him to take up the cross and follow Jesus, and his only plea was unworthiness, saying I love the doctrine. I believe the Baptist church is the right church, but I do not feel worthy to be with them. He was a faithful brother, always filling his seat at his church meetings. Seldom absent unless providential hindered. He was faithful to his pastor and the poor and afflicted brethren and sisters, never shirking duties toward the church, ever will to bear his part of the burden of defraying the church expenses, helping the traveling ministers, conveying them from one church to another, taking them to his home and caring for them. Surely his house was a home for the Baptists. Brother Pittman served about four years in the late Civil War between the States. When volunteers were called for, he was then a young man full of vigor and brawny, feeling it his duty to fight for his country, he left his father, mother, brothers and sisters and took upon himself the hard life of a soldier. He was wounded twice and was with General Lee when he surrendered at Appomattox, Va. I have heard him say when he received his discharge he stacked his arms and with some of his comrades turned their faces toward their native home, marching day and night with but little to eat and no other way to get home other than walk.

Soon after the war he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Pitt. They lived happily together until his death. Of this union were born to them eight children, six sons and two daughters. Five sons and one daughter and an aged widow yet survive. Among them that I would specially mention is that able and gifted brother, Elder R. H. Pittman, of Luray, Va. But all of his children were a great comfort to their parents and a credit to society. Brother Pittman labored with his own hands and always had a plenty and some to spare to the poor and needy brethren. Notwithstanding when he came home out of the army he had nothing, but with his skill and hard labor he had accumulated a goodly estate. Brother Pittman will be greatly missed in his community as a neighbor, in his family as a husband and father and in the church as a dear and faithful brother. But we believe that our loss is his eternal gain, and as a faithful soldier here, his captain has gone before and he has followed at his command, where he will have no more use for this earthly armor but ever be with the Lord to sing God's praises for ever and ever.

W. W. Vick.

Bettie Webb

Wilson Daily Times, November 20, 1911

Mrs. C. F. Webb

Mrs. C. F. Webb who resides on Maplewood Avenue departed this life about two o'clock this morning in the 23d year of her age.

Mrs. Webb was highly esteemed by all who knew her and was a devoted member of the Christian church. Rev. Mr. Spiegel conducted the funeral services at 3 o'clock this afternoon, after which the remains were taken to the family cemetery below Holden's Cross Roads for interment. She leaves a husband and infant only two days old to mourn her taking away when life seemed so happy and bright.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

***Wilson Daily Times*, October 3, 1911**

Mayor Pearson of Black Creek is in the city today.

Mrs. J. F. Bruton left this afternoon for Goldsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Holden left this afternoon for Kenly.

Mr. M. B. Aycock left today for Black Creek.

Miss Anna Lewis left today for Fayetteville.

Miss Mena Grey came in this afternoon from Rocky Mount.

Miss Lillie and Violet Hunter passed through today en route to Goldsboro.

Miss Vera Mennens left today for Petersburg.

Can Save Fuel at this Stockade.

Floors are being laid in the offices and hall of the court house and as soon as this is finished the installation of heat for the building will be begun.

A contract has also been let to heat the jail from the furnace that will be placed in the basement of the court house.

We trust, however, that this part of the contract will be rescinded, and that the jail will be removed to the convict quarters or some other suitable place away from its present location.

If removed to the convict quarters it will pay the county to install a furnace there, and heat buildings for all the prisoners and thus save fuel at the stockade.

Mr. C. S. Eagles, a prominent young physician of Saratoga, was in the city today.

Mr. James Bryant, one of our leading farmers of Saratoga, spent the day in our city.

Dr. J. T. Graves, of Stantonsburg, is in the city today.

Mr. Charles Brame, of Spring Hill township and one of our most successful farmers, is in the city today.

Mrs. M. E. Ezzell left today for Savannah, Ga.

Miss Prisilla Hooks left today for Lucama.

Miss Stella Hooks left today for Lucama.

Rev. J. M. Benson and daughter, Miss Sallie, left today for Kenly.

Mr. Hawkins Tyson left today for Pikeville.

Mrs. Charlie Wiggs and children left today for Fremont.

Mr. B. L. Tyson came in this afternoon from Rocky Mt.

Miss Reba Coley left today for Norfolk.

Mr. C. W. Miller of Greensboro is in the city today.

Miss Ava Green left today for Greensboro to visit friends.

Misses Rena and Ruby Outlaw left today for Tarboro.

Mrs. W. E. Yelverton left today for Black Creek.

Mrs. H. C. Barnes left today for Dudley.

Mrs. R. E. Eatman left today for Goldsboro.

Mrs. W. L. Hardison left today for Emporia.

Mr. H. P. Dorch left today for Goldsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Keel left today for Robersonville.

Mr. M. W. Linche, editor of the Nashville Graphic, paid us a pleasant call today.

Mr. S. F. High of Middlesex was here yesterday.

Mr. Dred Sauls of Black Creek is in the city today.

Mr. J. R. Short of Fremont is in the city today.

Mr. W. R. Whitley of Fremont is in the city today.

Mr. W. H. Perry, left for Ahoske [sic.] this morning.

Mr. S. F. Bissett of Baily [sic.] is in the city today.

Mr. W. A. Finch left for Nashville this morning.

Miss Emmaline Bagley left today for Sumter, S. C.

Mrs. J. H. Haynes left today for Benwick, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lucas of Charleston, S. C., who has been visiting parents, left this afternoon.

Miss Sallie Taylor left today for Lucama.

Miss Elizabeth Moore left today for Wilmington.

Mr. G. Watson left today for Kenly.

Master Geo. Moore left this afternoon for Wilmington.

Miss Gertrude Moore left today for Wilmington.

Mr. Jollie Winstead left today for Chapel Hill.

Mrs. S. L. Morris came in this afternoon from Tarboro where she has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. H. F. Yelverton left today for Fremont.

Miss Ruth Dunford left today for Pinetops.

ROBERT DIGGES WIMBERLY CONNOR

SPRING HILL NOTES

***Wilson Daily Times*, February 24, 1911**

Our farmers are busy now turning over the sod looking forward for a prosperous year.

Mr. Marvin Watson, of our vicinity, has recently purchased a new wagon. He made a fine crop of tobacco last year and the writer wishes him much success this year.

Mr. James Hill made a business trip to Kenly Monday.

Mr. Smith, of near Graham, N. C., a representative of the International Harvester Company, spent Monday night with Mr. J. P. Hawley.

Miss Annie Price, of this section, spent Saturday night with Miss Sallie Kirby, of near Kenly.

We are very sorry to note Mrs. Anna Keen is on the sick list, also Mrs. Sallie Hawley.

Mr. Ruffin Woodard and brother, Melton, of Lamms Cross Roads section, were visiting at Mr. Stephen Keen's Saturday night.

Mr. James H. Watson, of this section, has recently purchased a young mule, but we are glad to note that she works fine.

JAMES R. FARMER, SR., FAMILY

Contributed by James R. Farmer, Jr.

This is some of the ancestry of my father, James R. Farmer, Sr. [See page 118] He has Wilson County ties as well as ties to Prince Edward County, Virginia. If you are a member of Ancestry.com you are welcome to send an invite to jfarmer94, and I will allow you to view my family for further detail.

John Thomas Farmer was killed when he fell from a train at age 25 under controversial circumstances. It is said that he was pushed off by a conductor because he had lost his ticket stub. He had been drinking and probably started an argument that escalated resulting in his death. When his widow Florence Lamm remarried, Roy Thomas, his son and my grandfather, left their household at the age of twelve and moved in with his paternal grandfather, William Thomas Farmer.

He kept in touch with his mother however and they were still close. There is a photograph that was published in the Wilson Daily Times of five generations of the Farmer Family that included Florence Lamm, Roy Thomas Farmer, his oldest son J. Stanley Farmer, his daughter Pamela Farmer and her child. It was published sometime in the 1970's, and I would love to get a copy of it.

Florence Lamm was the daughter of Thomas Ruffin Lamm and Louisa Catherine Thorne. They were never married. According to sources on RootsWeb.com, Thomas Lamm came home after serving honorably with the 43rd N. C. Infantry and being a prisoner of war for almost two years during the Civil War. He married Nancy A. Thorne in 1866 and then set up another household with her half-sister and my ancestor Louisa Catherine Thorne. He became quite wealthy, owning a cotton gin, general store, buggy factory and a farm, too. He owned property in Nash and Wilson Counties. He was able to father nineteen children and maintain two households. In his will, he left property to each of his nineteen children. He is buried in the Confederate section of Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson.

Thomas R. Lamm was a controversial character to say the least. In 1898, an article was published in the Wilson Times entitled the "Eatman Affair." The article stated that a Mr. Eatman and his teenage son had gone to Thomas Lamm's General Store to dispute a bill that he owed. A verbal altercation ensued and Eatman pulled a revolver and shot Thomas Lamm in the right side of the chest. Thomas Lamm then pulled his own revolver and shot both Eatman and his son, killing Eatman and seriously wounding his son. Even though an inquest found that Thomas Lamm had acted in self-defense, his membership in the Primitive Baptist Church he attended was revoked.

William Thomas Farmer, like his father Iredell Farmer, were primarily farmers. Iredell Farmer's will is in the State Archives in Raleigh, N. C. It is said that some of Sherman's troops paid Iredell's farm a visit during 1865 in the latter days of the Civil War. These men were well behaved though compared to many members of that army. They politely asked if they could have some food and Mourning Thomas, Iredell's wife, cooked them a meal. They left without doing any damage.

William married his second cousin, Catherine Farmer. They went on to have five children of which my great grandfather John Thomas was the oldest. Both William and Catherine Farmer and most of the Farmers in Wilson County can trace their ancestry to Issac Farmer who was born in Surry County, Virginia, in 1711. He moved to Edgecombe County in the 1730's when his stepfather, James Bynum and Agnes Nicholson decided to move to North Carolina. His father Thomas Farmer was an innkeeper who died in his early fourties. She then married a James Bynum who was a Quaker. They left Virginia to seek better farmland and to escape persecution because of James's Quaker faith. His marriage had been declared invalid by government officials in Virginia because he was a Quaker.

Isaac Farmer married Elizabeth Braswell in 1740 and had several children. Two of his children, Benjamin and Joseph, to whom I have direct ancestral ties, fought with the Edgecombe County militia during the American Revolution. A monument that was erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution stands in the park on the corners of Kenan and Pine Streets in Wilson. It honors Benjamin Farmer and his service during the revolution. It is said that Benjamin was wounded in the elbow during a skirmish with Lord Cornwallis's army as they marched through Edgecombe County on the way to Yorktown in 1781.

Another story I have seen on RootsWeb involves Benjamin Farmer's wife Elizabeth Braswell. Lord Cornwallis and his army marched to Benjamin's farm. They thought he and some of the militia were hiding there. Elizabeth told them that she was alone but they investigated anyway. The British soldiers were finally convinced that he wasn't hiding when they saw her footprints in the fields that she had been plowing while he was gone.

Well, I've rambled on enough for now. I hope to get to Wilson to attend a meeting of the society in the near future and meet some of my fellow members. I really enjoy the newsletters and around the middle of each month, I check the mail looking for them. I let my wife check the mail when the bills and junk mail roll in.

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[Editor's note: Bettie Webb, b. 09 OCT 1889, d. 19 NOV 1911, wife of C. F. Webb, was buried in Webb Cemetery, off Holdens Cross Road, Gardners Township. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. I,* Joan L. Howell]

ANCESTORS OF JAMES ROY FARMER, SR.

Contributed by James R. Farmer, Jr.

James Roy Farmer, Sr.
b. 26 DEC 1936, Elm City NC
m. 15 JUL 1963

Roy Thomas Farmer
b. 05 MAY 1906, Elm City NC
m. 30 NOV 1928
d. 11 SEP 1993, Elm City NC

John Thomas Farmer
b. 23 JAN 1886, Wilson Co., NC
m. 04 JUL 1905
d. 27 AUG 1911, Edgecombe Co, NC

William Thomas Farmer
b. 04 DEC 1863. Wilson Co., NC
m. 30 APR 1885
d. 08 NOV 1930, Elm City, Wilson Co., NC

Iredell Barnes Farmer
b. 1830; m. 09 JAN 1859
d. 05 JAN 1885

Mourning Thomas
b. 1841; d. 1873

Elizabeth C. Farmer
b. 19 MAR 1854, d. 26 SEP 1922
Both in Wilson Co., NC

Josiah Asael Farmer
b. 1819; m. 17 DEC 1842
d. 1876

Catherine Farmer
b. 27 JUN 1818; d. 28 MAY 1899

Florence P. Lamm
b. 16 DEC 1887, Wilson Co., NC
d. 30 AUG 1983, Wilson Co., NC

Thomas Ruffin Lamm
b. 20 SEP 1840, Nash Co., NC
d. 13 MAR 1915, Wilson Co., NC

Nathan Lamm
b. 1813; m. 1835; d. 1870

Christina Lurana Rose
b. 17 JAN 1819; d. JUN 1860

Louisa Catherine Thorne
b. 13 JUN 1855, Wilson Co., NC
d. MAR 1888, Wilson Co., NC

Martin Ramsey Thorne
b. 1824, m. 01 APR 1851
d. 15 OCT 1862

Marinda Rose
b. 20 APR 1824; d. SEP 1860

Gladys Rebecca Moore
b. 05 JAN 1904, Prospect, VA
d. 31 JAN 1999, Elm City NC

John Stanley Moore
b. 30 MAR 1871, Prospect VA
d. 14 JUL 1941, Prospect VA
m. 21 DEC 1898

Samuel Allen Moore
b. 16 JUN 1816, Prospect VA
m. 20 APR 1853
d. 22 MAR 1897, Prospect

Samuel Moore
b. 1778; m. 08 MAR 1805
d. abt. 1850

Sally Howard,
b. aft. 1780; d. aft. 1850

Mary Susan Elam
b. 24 APR 1831; d. 18 APR 1917,
both in Prospect VA

Joel Elam
b. 21 APR 1792; m. 23 OCT 1815; d. 28 JUN 1878

Susan Bradley
b. 23 JAN 1794; d. 07 OCT 1868

Mary Daniel Glenn
b. 19 AUG 1870, Prospect VA
d. 21 APR 1946, Prospect VA

James Peyton Glenn
b. 26 OCT 1838, Prince Edward Co., VA
m. 19 DEC 1866; d. 30 AUG 1907,
Prince Edward Co., VA

Daniel C. Glenn
b. 11 JAN 1797; m. NOV 1837
d. 06 AUG 1862

Rebecca Cunningham
b. 11 JUL 1800; d. 02 AUG

Salathiel M. Carter
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WCGS OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2015, 7 PM

The Wilson County Genealogy Society met in the Local History Room of the Wilson County Public Library. Joan Howell, president, called the meeting to order and greeted guests and members.

Howell noted that a couple of members are going to attend Ancestry Day in Raleigh on November 7 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Experts from Ancestry.com will be in North Carolina for the first time. Albert Bass is transcribing the information from the DVD of Lower Black Creek Church, and it will become available in hard copy when he has completed it. Howell read a letter of thanks from the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources for the donation of a copy of Wilson Cemeteries, Vol. 5.

At the last meeting, it was reported that Will Robinson, Local History Librarian, is willing to set up and monitor a Face book page for the membership. Since there was not a quorum at the board meeting that effort has been put on hold. There was some discussion about the best meeting time for the membership. Some local societies are meeting on Saturday, and Howell asked the membership for input on this matter. There was no change made to the meeting time at this meeting, and Howell told those present that a change to the by-laws might be required for this change to be enacted.

The slate of officers was presented and motions were made and carried to accept the slate as presented. There were no candidates for the office of president and vice-president. Deborah Webb and Wanda Taylor agreed to continue to serve as secretary and treasurer respectively. Carroll Gaissert will continue to serve as a board member.

Howell presented the program for the evening. She talked about DNA and the role it can play for genealogy researchers. She pointed out that DNA can link you to other living relatives. There are several kinds of services available to help you narrow your search. She pointed out the pros and cons of several of the more popular DNA programs. Howell cited several examples where her DNA research has helped her narrow down the possibilities of connections in her Barnes family research. She emphasized that a lot of research is still required to connect the dots. While DNA will not provide all the answers one seeks, she said that DNA helps complete the puzzle that is family research.

The next meeting for the society will be November 24, 2015, in the assembly room of the library. There will not be a speaker at the November meeting. Members are encouraged to bring something to share from their own research, and Howell asked board members to bring refreshments. Annual reports will also be presented.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Webb

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